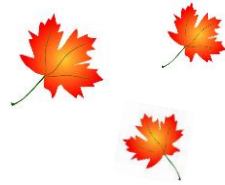


# VILLAGE OF VILNA

## Newsletter SEPTEMBER, 2019



### COUNCIL NOTES

It is hard to believe that "Summer 2019" is almost over. In spite of the rain, and sometimes with the assistance and encouragement of neighbors, everyone made a special effort to keep your yards looking neat and cheery.

#### **THANK YOU!**

The rain has made construction projects difficult to complete. Any roadwork projects may be delayed until 2020, unless we get a dry autumn, otherwise the road base will not be dry enough to build on.

The regional water main construction through the Village is nearing completion in town.

The next scheduled Council meeting is September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



**PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR WATER USE** between:  
**September 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, and September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**WHY?** A temporary shutdown of the water transmission line crossing road construction at Ft. Saskatchewan is occurring. This line is the main supply line that provides our water.

Municipal reservoirs will be filled prior to the shutdown; however, **all non-essential water usage must be restricted to avoid running out of water in our reservoirs.**

All bulk water truck fill stations will be shut down during the above dates, and we ask that **all residents restrict non-essential water use during these periods.**

#### WAYS TO PAY YOUR TAXES AND UTILITIES

1. Cash either at the Village Office or the ATB agency;
2. Pay by cheque by mail, at the ATB agency, or in person at the Village Office;
3. Electronic Fund Transfer through your bank ...  
if you bank with ATB, CIBC, Scotia Bank, TD, or Credit Union.  
Unfortunately, after September 30<sup>th</sup> you will not be able to pay your accounts through RBC by EFT as they charge prohibitive fees. No other bank charges us these fees.
4. We also accept payments by e-transfer at [vilna@mcsnet.ca](mailto:vilna@mcsnet.ca)  
**PLEASE ENSURE YOU SAY WHAT ACCOUNT YOU ARE PAYING.**
5. Another alternative is to make arrangements for us to automatically withdraw funds from your bank through the Electronic Fund Transfer program.  
**Call Loni at 780-636-3620**



**STUDENTS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL, IF YOU SEE INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR (hanging in back alleys, going into unoccupied property)**

**CALL THE SCHOOL 780-636-3651**

#### CRIME IN VILNA ...

Unfortunately, as with many smaller towns and villages like Vilna, businesses and residents are being victimized by acts of crime, whether it be trespassing, violence, vandalism, break-ins, theft, graffiti, or misdemeanors.

When we are vigilant and report offences, we can reduce ruthless criminal activity. **Doing nothing does nothing!!**

The Provincial Justice Minister has been travelling Alberta, speaking and listening to citizens about crime and justice.

Some actions the province is taking are review of parole conditions, criminal code amendments and adding at least 50 prosecutors to the judicial system.

The RCMP ask that anyone who witnesses an offence and/or suspicious activity to **REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!**

***If possible – Pictures, videos and notes about time and dates, descriptions of physical appearance or activity are very important*** in assisting the police make law and justice effective. Each time you call they create a file and use compiled information to charge offenders.

**Crime** – an act prohibited by law, especially against morality.

**Theft** – taking something that belongs to someone else without his or her explicit consent.

**Trespass** – entering another person's property without permission of the owner; causing damage and/or for criminal intent.

**Vandalism** – destruction of someone else's property. If you damage public or private property on purpose, you have committed the crime of vandalism.

**Grffiti** – graffiti is the damage to property caused by: spraying, writing, drawing, marking or applying paint or another marking substance to a person's property without their consent.

**RCMP – 780-656-3550 DAYS**

**780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS**

**EMERGENCIES - 911**



#### **New in Town?**

**PLEASE READ YOUR WATER METER** at the end of each month and **phone the reading to the Village Office 780-636-3620 & leave a message.** Then, you only pay for water you use not an inflated estimate. Thank you.

**Garbage and Recycle** (cardboard, metals, compost (separated)) pickup is on **Wednesdays** - Items for pickup must be out for 8am. If you miss garbage day, the **Vilna Transfer Station (dump)** is west about a mile west on the north village boundary road #594. **Open Tuesday and Saturday 9am to 5pm.**

**DOGS must be LICENSED by the Village AND on a LEASH off your property. Clean up after your pet!!**  
**FINES APPLY!!**

**If you have or are starting a business** you require a business license – \$10 at the Village office.

**PLEASE** ensure you maintain your yard (summer) and sidewalks (winter) – whether you rent or own.

## RENOVATIONS, CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION OR REPLACEMENTS

If you are considering renovating your home, building on your lot, demolishing a building or replacing your hot water tank or furnace, keep in mind that most of these activities require a PERMIT. These are legislated by the Alberta Safety Code and are mandatory when requirements are met. *Most of the time*, your plumber, gasfitter, or contractor will apply for permits on your behalf, but it's your responsibility to ensure that this is done. Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Gas Permits can be accessed by visiting the office or going to the Village website at: <http://www.vilna.ca/document/library/836/category/2303/Forms-and-Permits/>.

The forms are not fillable, so need to be printed and sent to the Inspections Group with the permit fee. **YOU MUST ALSO APPLY TO THE VILLAGE FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT.** The development permit and other forms are online as well. Check at the Village office or with The Inspections Group 780-454-5048 for the amount of required fees. Some sheds, decks and fences may also require a permit. If you have questions, give us a call.

### VILNA FARMERS MARKETS

at the Cultural Centre

(Noon to 2:00 p.m. except Christmas)

Regular Market	Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> 2019	\$10:00/ table
Thanksgiving Market	Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> 2019	\$10.00/table
	Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> 2019	\$10.00/table
Special Christmas Market	Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> 2019	\$20.00/table

(Christmas market 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)  
You can book a table - Marion 780-636-2750

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, September 16, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

### VILNA LIBRARY HOURS

5431 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street (N. end Main St.)

Tues & Thurs – 3:30-7pm & Sat 12pm to 4pm  
Computers & Internet - 780-636-2077

The Seniors Recreation Centre – offers many varied activities for seniors all year round.

### PORKY'S SIDESTREET CAFÉ

780-636-2506

Monday to Saturday – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sundays – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

VILNA BOTTLE DEPOT – Hours vary,  
For information call 587-789-0973

Hope Mission is open **every Thursday** from 12:00-5:00pm at 5035 – 52 Avenue, Vilna  
Gently used clothing, household items, and some food items are available if you need them.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
Thursday afternoon at Hope Mission  
4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome

## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

CALL THE OFFICE 780-636-3620  
OR EMAIL TO: [vilna@mcsnet.ca](mailto:vilna@mcsnet.ca)



Riverland Recreational Trail Society is 20 years old this year and to celebrate, we invite you to take a ride on the trail and a free Kubie roast! Join us at Abilene Junction at 1:00pm on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the day – enjoy the ride!

We'll have a few lawn chairs but if you can bring your own that would be great.

Here are driving directions if not taking the trail:

From St. Paul: Take Highway 29 west and turn north on Owlseye Road (104). At the T intersection, turn west onto Township Rd 590. Turn north on RR105 and follow it as it curves and turns into Township Road 593. The road curves again and 593 turns into RR110. In about 800 metres, you'll see where the trail crosses the road. Abilene Junction is to your right (east) and just down the trail a few metres.

Everyone welcome!

Marianne Janke Travel Lakeland / Alberta's Iron Horse Trail

Email: [info@ironhorsetrail.ca](mailto:info@ironhorsetrail.ca)

Phone: (780) 645-2913 Cell: (780) 645-8090

### Village Office:

Phone: 780-636-3620, Fax: 780-636-3022  
email: [vilna@mcsnet.ca](mailto:vilna@mcsnet.ca) webpage: [vilna.ca](http://vilna.ca)

Address: Box 10, Vilna AB T0A 3L0

OR

5135 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street

Doors are open Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-4pm  
Mondays & Wednesdays, **please call ahead.**

Closed Fridays

The Village website has a lot of information you may need, such as forms, Minutes, Bylaws, event information, local news. Consider checking the home page now and then for updates and information.

“Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you have made. If you want a different result, make a different choice.”  
Anonymous