

VILLAGE OF VILNA



Newsletter JANUARY 2020

COUNCIL NOTES

2019 is over, and we started 2020 with a water break on New Years Day. The hydrant has been replaced by let's hope this isn't a sign of what the year will be like.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The last regular meeting of 2019 was held on December 16th. The business discussed included

- a. Our CAO, Loni Leslie has left us to take on her new position as CAO of the Smoky Lake Seniors Foundation. She will be missed, but Council has hired Debbie Hackman to take over the duties. *Debbie will be starting on January 13th, 2020. Stop by and introduce yourself.*
- b. Sale of property across the highway that used to be the old lagoon sight;
- c. *The Seniors' Driveway clearing program was again approved with the rate remaining at \$50.00 for the winter,*
- d. A grant application was submitted to do a study on the Village's Storm Water System. The program being used is a regional initiative that will see studies done on water systems, sewer systems, storm sewers and roads and sidewalks.
- e. Community and Regional Economic Support initiative is a grant program that provides Economic Development funding to assist in identifying community opportunities.
- f. Change the next Council meeting date - to SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M.
- g. The Provincial Government has resolved to eliminate numerous Social programs that are provincially funded and tender these to the private sector, effective March 31, 2020. The funding of the services and programs will be delivered through this system. The Town of Bonnyville has submitted an application to be the administrative Hub for our region and become the Family Resource Network.
- h. Administration presented a draft operating and capital budget to Council for review and ratification. There still are many areas to review before the full budget will be presented to Council prior to the tax season.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

SATURDAY, January 18th at 2:00 p.m. and
TUESDAY, February 18, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.



RURAL CRIME

Crime across the province is getting worse. Please be very vigilant. No one seems to be exempt from being a target. People have been experiencing vehicle thefts and break and enters at an astounding rate. Here are a few Crime Safety Tips to keep on mind.

- When starting your car, DON'T leave it unlocked while running.
- Use a door viewer before opening your door. ...
- Always lock up your home before leaving and don't hide your house keys outdoors anywhere.
- Have keys ready and in your hand for immediate use when you return home.
- Use interior and exterior lighting at all times.
- Always use **Safe** Internet Shopping practices.
- Shred credit card offers and bank statements before you throw them away if you do not plan on using them.
- Hide or destroy boxes from expensive purchases.
- Do not answer personal questions about your home such as type of alarm, daytime occupancy, etc.
- Do not give out your personal information or credit card number over the phone unless you initiated the call.
- Above All KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE.

Metals seem to be the more common targets that thieves are looking for. They want the catalytic converter off your car, they want the core out of your air conditioning unit and they are steeling tailgates off trucks.

Apart from precious **metals** like gold and silver, the **metals** most commonly **stolen** are non-ferrous **metals** such as copper, aluminum, brass, and bronze. However, even cast iron and steel are seeing higher rates of **theft** due to increased scrap **metal** prices. One defining characteristic of **metal theft** is the motivation.

The surge in thefts is believed to be linked to the soaring value of two of the **metals** used in **catalytic converters**, rhodium and palladium, with gangs stripping the parts and selling them overseas.

- **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS - REPORT IT.**
- **IF YOU FIND YOURSELF AFFECTED BY A CRIMINAL INCIDENT, PLEASE CALL THE POLICE AND MAKE A RECORD OF THE OCCURRENCE.**

RCMP - 780-656-3550 DAYS
780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS
EMERGENCIES - 911



You have until January 30th, 2020 to register for monthly tax payments.

DON'T FORGET TO READ YOUR WATER METER at the end of each month and **phone the reading to the Village Office 780-636-3620 & leave a message. Thank you.**

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING (cardboard, metals, compost (separated)) pickup is on **Wednesdays** - Items for pickup must be out for 8am.

GARBAGE MUST BE IN PROPER GARBAGE BAGS IN A SECURE CONTAINER!

Vilna Transfer Station (dump) is west about a mile west on the north village boundary road #594.

Open Tuesday and Saturday 9am to 5pm.

SENIORS DRIVEWAY CLEARING PROGRAM:

The Village offers a driveway clearing program for Seniors or the physically handicapped. To have your driveway cleared through the winter, register at the Village Office. The cost is \$50.00 per season. The crew will clean your driveway as soon as the main roads and down town sidewalks are cleared.

CLEAR THE SIDEWALKS! Remember, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear in front of your property. It makes life safer for everyone walking.

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

Here's a big SHOUT OUT to the Vilna Fire Fighters

They have built an outdoor skating rink at Mushroom Park and each year they flood it for our use.

FREE SKATING AT MUSHROOM PARK

As long as weather permits

VILNA LIBRARY HOURS

5431 - 50th Street (N. end Main St.)

Tues & Thurs - 3:30-7pm & Sat 12pm to 4pm

Computers & Internet - 780-636-2077

Our new Library Manager is Mandy Odynski, Welcome Mandy!

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

"A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water." - Carl Reiner

PORKY'S SIDESTREET CAFÉ

780-636-2506

Monday to Friday - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sundays - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HAIR BY CHRIS

at the Vilna Pool Hall

Hours: Tues., Wed., Thursday 12 - 4

Monday and Friday by appointment only

Men's, Ladies and Kids cuts, Custom Colours/Tints

Gel Nails/Manicures-Pedicures -Brow Waxing

Text or call Chris at 587-590-9577

(NOTE: Closed from January 10th to 20th)

"COOKIES KOZY KAFE"

AT CORNER OF Highway 28 and 52nd Street

Open daily (closed Thursdays)fo

1-825-840-2000

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

3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Everyone Welcome



Village Office:

Phone: 780-636-3620, Fax: 780-636-3022

email: vilna@mcsnet.ca webpage: vilna.ca

Address: Box 10, Vilna AB T0A 3L0

5135 - 50th 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.