

# VILLAGE OF VILNA

## Newsletter

JANUARY 2021

2020 ended with the sun shining and everyone isolated from everyone else.

Let's make 2021 a year for living fearless and free!!!



### COUNCIL NOTES

At the last Council meeting, projects for 2021 were reviewed. There aren't many construction projects anticipated, some road surfacing and the water meter changes. We'll have to accumulate some grant funding before the next major project can be considered.

ATCO will be changing all the street lights from High Pressure Sodium lights to LED lights early in the summer.

**WATER RATES WILL BE CHANGING** on your next bill. Our water is treated by EPCOR, and it is piped here through pipes owned by water commissions. The new rate will be \$4.375 /cubic meter (\$0.109 increase).

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

### **SENIORS BUS**

Earlier last year, the Village took over the responsibility of the Seniors Bus. It is in need of some repairs so it was decided that funds could be acquired by having the Vilna CARES Society run a 50/50 raffle.

**Watch for information. Someone could win some CASH!!!**



### VILNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

COVID has caused the Library to close again, but hopefully the doors will re-open in the latter half of January.



In the last Newsletter I indicated that the Library is looking for new Board Members. Unfortunately I gave you the wrong phone number. That must be why people weren't pounding down the doors to volunteer. Our Library is primarily grant funded, but if 2020 has taught us anything, it's that we need to find new ways to use the resources at the Library.

**So, if you feel that you would like to have input into the programs and services offered by our Library, call Mandy at 780-636-2077**

### VILNA LIBRARY IS OPEN

Tuesday & Thursday - 3:30 to 7:30  
Saturday - Noon to 4:00

### SENIORS DRIVEWAY PROGRAM

In the off-chance that we get some snow this winter, and if you're a senior, and you don't feel like shoveling your driveway, give us a call. For a mere \$50.00/ season we'll put you on the **DRIVEWAY LIST**

### RENEWAL TIME ....

**January is the time for renewals.....**

**Time to RENEW your dog tag** (*that's actually a joke because according to the register, we only have 13 dogs in town*). Licenses are a whole \$10.00.



.... and I think I've only seen one (1) person walking their dog on a leash. (maybe 2 but not 3)

Judging by the number of phone calls I get, those 13 dogs are causing a tremendous amount of trouble.

Today I saw a huge pile of dog crap on the sidewalk on main street. Come on people, take responsibility for your pets.

Owning a pet is a form of companionship and responsibility. If your dog is scrounging in garbage, harassing the neighbourhood and running at large, it's hard to understand the "**companionship**" part of the relationship, and definitely isn't demonstrating responsibility.

## WASTE & RECYCLING

### Garbage Collection Day: Wednesday

Put your garbage in tied garbage bags and then into a garbage can with a lid on it. And have it out by no later than 8:30. They start on 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and work their way west and south.



**TRANSFER STATION** Tuesday & Saturday 9-5

### Message from Sgt. Chan

- Alberta RCMP launches online crime reporting across the province
- Citizens will be able to report the following crimes online:
  - \* Damage/mischief to property under \$5,000
  - \* Theft of bicycle under \$5,000
  - \* Theft under \$5,000
  - \* Theft from vehicle under \$5,000
  - \* Lost property
- To access: Google RCMP Online Crime Reporting
- Be an active member of your community and join the Rural Crime Watch or Bellis/Vilna Citizens on Patrol programs."

**RCMP – 780-656-3550 days**  
**780-656-3691 AFTER HOURS**  
**EMERGENCIES – 911**

**HOPE MISSION is open**  
**with Social distancing, masks and sanitizer**  
**5035 – 52 Avenue, Vilna**  
**Gently used clothing, household items, and some**  
**food items are available if you need them.**

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**AT THIS TIME** Hope Community Church is meeting at the  
Bellis Mission on Sundays at 11:00  
**SOON ...** HopeCommunity Church will be holding  
services at their new location on Main Street.  
**Watch for notices!**

**The Seniors Recreation Centre is closed for**  
**social gatherings until further notice.**

If we didn't have winter, spring wouldn't be nearly as pleasant.

**COVID IS AFFECTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES**  
**Support them whenever you can.**  
**Just, please do it safety.**

**The restaurants do terrific TAKE OUT.**

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC EFFECT ON VILNA

To date, in Canada 619,000 people have had COVID. In Alberta 106,378 people have had it (that's 2.4 people in every 100 that have had it), and 13,839 are active cases. 47 of those are in Smoky Lake region and 75 are in the St. Paul region.

Another Alberta statistics that scares me is that in  
Ages 20-60 years – 66% of the cases with 50 deaths  
61-80 plus years – 15% of the cases with 1,117 deaths

***DON'T TELL ME IT'S NOT REAL.***

It won't go away unless we continue to

- **wear a mask &**
- **keep more than 2 meters away from people**
- **and wash our hands**
- **and use hand sanitizers often.** *And above all:*
- **stay at home unless absolutely necessary.**
- **AND if you feel sick isolate yourself.**

Thank you for being cautious and responsible.

. **\*\* Masks are available at the Office\*\***

### **BYLAWS** (*aka Earla's Rants*)

- Winter in Alberta is defined as snow and ice. In order to protect ourselves from slipping or falling, we ask that everyone take the responsibility of cleaning the sidewalks in front of your properties. The bylaw requires that the sidewalks be cleared within 48 hours after a snowfall. If the sidewalks are icy, put some sand or salt down.



Puss 'n Boots

and

The 3 Bears

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