

# VILLAGE OF VILNA



## Newsletter

*JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2022*

### COUNCIL NOTES

Your new Council has jumped into the Municipal Pool with all feet. They passed an Interim Budget at the December meeting. They're hoping for a zero increase in taxes. They would appreciate input from you regarding things in the community you would like done, or things replaced, or things eliminated.

### WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The water meter replacement program is about half finished. 100 meters were installed. The rest will be done when the weather warms. We've tested the remote reader on the 100. The rest of you will have to accept my estimate until the next billing cycle. Sorry. Those without the new meters might want to phone in their meter reading near the end of February, instead of me guessing estimating-

### STREET CLEANING AND SNOW PILES

I know some of you are a little concerned about the snow piles on the streets. We got more than the average snow fall just prior to the 3 week cold snap, so the streets are only being cleaned now. The snow piles will be hauled away, we won't let them melt and flood your homes. There is a reason that we leave a layer of snow on the streets .... It acts as insulation to protect the water lines. I know I could be jinxing things by mentioning this, but if we can avoid water breaks we can reduce the operating budget.



### TREATED WATER RESERVOIR

We have submitted a grant application to Alberta Transportation for funding to replace the treated water reservoir. We have doubled the testing and added a few more tests, to make sure that the water coming from your tap is the same quality of water that Epcor supplies.



### **VILNA SCHOOL IS OFFICIALLY 100 YEARS OLD**

The school was established in 1921, with your 1<sup>st</sup> school requisitions being levied.

**VILLAGE OF VILNA** will be 100 years old in 2023.

It has been decided, since the school centennial had to be postponed, that the two celebrations would be combined, and the Home Coming Party will be the same weekend as BOOMTOWN DAYS 2022.

The park area south of the Seniors Lodge will be revitalized into a Centennial Park.

**To get there, we need an organizing committee. Interested in sharing your thoughts and your talents?**

**An organizing meeting is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Office.**

***VOLUNTEER FOR VILNA***



### **Vilna Ag Society**

**Annual General Meeting**

**February 7, 2022 @ 730pm**

**Cultural Center Meeting Room**

**Contact Rebecca with any questions,  
[info@vilnaagsociety.com](mailto:info@vilnaagsociety.com) or 780-298-0383**

### **VILNA LIBRARY HOURS**

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

**Tues & Thurs – 3:30-7:00pm and Sat Noon to  
4:00pm – 780-636-2077**

The RCMP have provided some tips on how to keep your vehicle safe from theft during these cold winter months.



**LOCK YOUR DOORS:**

Keeping your vehicle doors locked is the first step in

detering theft. Make it a habit to always check your door before leaving your vehicle

**DONT LEAVE THE KEYS:** It is always recommended that you take your keys with you when leaving your vehicle. Never leave a spare key or the keys in the ignition. ...

"We don't want anyone to fall victim to a crime of opportunity. This is a reminder to remove keys and valuables from your vehicles. It's not enough to put your vehicle keys, or anything valuable, in a cup holder or behind a visor, you must remove them from your vehicle and lock the doors. We must all work together to mitigate crime in our communities. We need the public to take that extra step to help keep their vehicles safe by securing them appropriately."

Even having spare change kept in your vehicle can make it a possible target. Always remember to remove your garage door opener from your vehicle – if it is stolen, it can mean someone has access to everything inside your garage and even your home if it's connected to your garage. The RCMP also note that stolen vehicles may be connected to other criminal activity, and it's important to ensure you make a report to police if your vehicle is stolen.

If you need to report something missing, or if you see any suspicious activity, report it to Smoky Lake

RCMP

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

**EARLA'S RANT ....** The number one complaint that I get is UNSIGHTLY PREMISES. This is going to be the "year of the prettiest yard". The Communities in Bloom program says that **2022 is the year of the garden.**

Bring me some ideas on how we can clean up the community without hiring a bylaw officer and having to enforce maintenance. **Let's make Vilna BLOOM**

**Get your COVID vaccinations at**

**VILNA PHARMACY**

**780-636-3550**

**(Pfizer vaccine)**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

The last 2 years have been very hard on our local businesses.

- If you don't shop at the local businesses they can't make any money,
- If they don't make any money they will close;
- If they close we will have to go elsewhere to shop.
- If we go elsewhere to shop the Village will die.
- *If the Village dies, I'm out of a job. So ...*
- **SHOP LOCAL.**



**Dog Licenses and Business Licenses should be renewed in January**

**MEETINGS**

**The next Regular Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**at 5:30 p.m. .**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.)**

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