

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

May, 2024

Spring is here! Spring is here!
Winter is gone and two flowers appear.
Three little robins begin to sing.
Four bicycle bells begin to ring.
Five children come out and jump the rope.
Spring is here now! I hope, I hope!



MAY is Spring Clean-Up Month

The bins are back. As you clean your yard and your home, take advantage of **the bins behind the Village Office**. We ask you to respect the disposal signs Metals Only and All Other Waste.



OR



Fridges, freezers and water coolers which contain Freon can be disposed of at the Transfer Station throughout the month of May *without paying the \$20.00 fee* to remove the Freon. Sponsored by the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission.

The Village of Vilna Community Standards

Bylaw sets out guidelines respecting the following matters:

- The safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;
- Nuisances, including noise and unsightly properties; and
- Clearing of all snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions from the sidewalks situated on land adjoining the property owned or occupied by them.

The following sections of the Bylaw identifies Property Owner or Occupiers responsibilities.

4.1 Owners are responsible for all activities on their property.

5. Property Maintenance

5.2 A person shall not cause or permit a nuisance or unsightly condition to exist on property they own or occupy.

5.3.1 Excessive accumulation of materials

Building materials

Appliances

Household goods and boxes

Tires and vehicle parts whether of apparent value or not.

5.3.2 Loose litter, garbage, garden or lawn waste, animal feces.

5.3.3 Unkempt grass or weeds

5.3.6 Trees, shrubs or other vegetation that interferes with any public work or utility, obstructs sidewalks or roadways adjacent to property, or impairs visibility for safe traffic flow at intersection.

5.3.7 Failure to keep property in a reasonable state of repair:

- Significant deterioration or structures fences or improvements;
- Broken windows, doors, siding, steps, railings, shingles etc.
- Significant fading, chipping, peeling, rotting or absence of paint on buildings or fences;
- Conditions that may create a danger to public safety.

16. Addressing

16.1 **The owner of a Property on which a Building has been erected shall display the civic address number** assigned to the Property at a location **plainly visible** from the roadway in front of the property.

COUNCIL MEETINGS – 5:30 P.M.

MAY meeting has been postponed to May 22, 2024

JUNE meeting - June 12, 2024

Cancer Benefit for a Cause

The Vilna Pool Hall and Barbershop is planning a benefit event for Jordan Dagley on May 18, 2024.

Jordan has stage 3 lung cancer. He has a young family and lives near Vilna.

Proceeds will support medical and related expenses for Jordan and his young family.

Prime Rib Burger BBQ: Burgers are \$5;

Cheese Burgers are \$6; Pop \$1

May 18, 2024 – BBQ is from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Vilna Pool Hall, Main Street Vilna, Alberta

Everyone knows someone impacted by Cancer. Bring your family to support this deserving local family.

Other activities: Play pool/snooker on tables that are over 100 years old (\$2/person/game) and visit the residence museum. Live music.

They would be grateful for your support.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR....



1. Have a chat over the fence now and then.
2. Cut your lawn before the dandelions go to seed or the clover is in full bloom;
3. Cut the grass behind your fence and on your boulevard;
4. Keep your dog on your own property and if you're walking

- it, keep it on a leash; Pick up after your dog;
5. Train your dog to not bark at everyone who walks by;
6. If you're not home, make sure your dog is not left outside
7. Keep your cats at home; no one wants their garden to be your cat's litter box.

New in Town?

- **Garbage and Recycle** (cardboard, metals, compost (separated)) pickup is on **Wednesdays** - Items for pickup should be out for 8am.
- **If you have a dog**, you require a license (\$10/year per dog at the Village office
- **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)
- **Vilna Transfer Station (dump)** is west about a mile on the north village boundary road #594. It accepts household garbage, cardboard, garden waste, trees/trimmings, unpainted untreated wood, some household hazardous waste containers, batteries, tires etc. NO Building materials permitted.

THE VILLAGE OF VILNA WILL BE FOLLOWING THE SMOKY LAKE COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS. ***FIRE BAN***



Fire Rating: Fire Ban and Off Highway Vehicle Restriction

UPDATED: April 30, 2024

The Fire Ban and OHV Restriction **remain in effect** for Village of Vilna and Smoky Lake County. Fire Crews have responded to wildfires 25 out of the 30 days in April. Though rain received throughout the region has helped reduce the risk of wildfire, the Fire Ban and OHV restriction will remain in effect until vegetation turns green and fuel loads reduce significantly.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE



8 simple ways to make your neighborhood safer

1. Make friends with neighbors
2. Organize neighborhood safety efforts
3. Keep up your yard
4. Install a security system
5. Exercise caution when going out of town
6. Close windows and blinds at night
7. Improve lighting on your street
8. If you see something, *say something*.

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

Village of Vilna

Office Hours – Monday to Thursday 10-4

Office - 780-636-3620

Public Works – 780-521-7124