

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

September, 2024



The students are back in school. Let's be sure to observe all speed signs, stop signs and school zone signs.



The Vilna Agricultural Society put on another *FANTASTICS Boomtown Days* celebration. The Mayor and Council want to send out *THANKS* to the Ag. Society and all of the volunteers who helped make the weekend a resounding success, from the bench show to the pig scramble and everything else in between, and. Special thanks to

- Vilna Veselka Dance Club –the inside concession;
- Mallaig Grad Class – BBQ fundraiser & Kid's Carnival;
- Vilna Curling Club – bartending the Beer Gardens;
- Vilna Seniors Society – delicious Breakfast.

Sunday exploded with the 3rd Annual Show & Shine that gets better every year. This year saw 51 vehicles being displayed and it brought more than 300 people to enjoy the car show and the Citizen's On Patrol BBQ.



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY GROWING

At a time when communities were growing and the provincial economy was strong, the province was very generous with capital grants.

In the 1970's the province, recognizing the struggle that the agriculture industry was feeling, began a grant program for Agricultural Societies to build new multi-purpose buildings to help provide recreation and cultural programs in rural Alberta.

It's now 50 years later and the look of rural communities has changed. Farms have grown larger, families have grown smaller, the railways have gone and those buildings that were grant funded in the '70's are in need of maintenance and upgrading. The provincial economy is not as lucrative as it was in the '70's and grants aren't nearly as generous. Utility costs have exploded as have labour costs.

Vilna Ag Society has two of those buildings, the Cultural Centre and the Arena & Curling Rink. The Ag. Society would appreciate some ideas on how to keep the Curling Rink/Ice Arena viable. Currently they only have one tenant, that being the curling club for 4 months each year.

If you have any ideas on "**how to keep the arena viable**", forward them to:

vilnaagsociety@gmail.com



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Ag. Society has 2 position open.

1. Office Manager
2. Facility Caretaker

If interested, contact them by email at

vilnaagsociety@gmail.com

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of each month.

September 11, 2024

October 9th, 2024

at 5:30 p.



THE LIBRARY IS OPEN

**TUESDAYS –
WEDNESDAYS &
THURSDAYS
10:00 a.m. to 6:00
p.m.**



**Smoky Lake RCMP
Sgt. Anita Doktor**

Crime in rural Alberta is escalating. At a recent meeting with Sgt. Doktor, she was asked for ideas on what can be done to control crime in our region. She was asked "Is the problem not enough policing or is there a problem with the justice system?" Her reply was quite simple ... "we're catching them...."

"Ensuring that individuals, families, and communities in Canada are safe is a core outcome of the Criminal Justice System. Crime prevention and intervention, which aims to protect individuals, families, and communities, can achieve safety."

If we're going to build a safe community we need to prevent the crime. In order to prevent the crime we need to first eliminate it.

We need to support the RCMP by reporting any activity that you feel is suspicious. Don't just say "it's too late now, what can the police do?" They can't do anything if you don't report it. It's possible that they have a record of similar activity, and your information is one more piece in the puzzle. Enough pieces and they can find the culprit or culprits. Let's do our part to make Vilna a safer community.

If you see something happening "now" call **911**
If it has already happened but you don't feel safe call **911**.
If you see that something has happened and you are not in danger call the non-emergency number **780-656-3691** or if it's during the day call **780-656-3550**.
*And if you can't remember those numbers, you can always remember **911**.*

Your reports tell RCMP where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future.

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

FAN OUT COMMUNICATIONS

Over the years we have experienced many occasions when it would have been beneficial to be able to send out a fan-out communication through e-mails. We've used door to door notices, newspapers, posters and mail outs. There are times when you're not home, or you don't pick up your mail on a daily basis.

We have started compiling e-mail addresses that we can attach to your residence address or business address.

Please send your e-mail address to vilna@mcsnet.ca and include your street address, name and phone number.

Thank you, we appreciate your assistance in making communication easier.

Taste of Vilna
September 30th, 2024

FREE Admission & Meal

Come enjoy a delicious event focusing on foods from the many cultures that helped to shape Vilna & Alberta, past & present.

Happening at the Vilna Senior Center
5123 50 St, Vilna, AB T0A 3L0
Doors Open at 5pm

Wear Orange in support of National Truth & Reconciliation

AlbertaCultureDays.ca
September 2024
Discover • Experience • Celebrate
Brought to you by
Vilna & District Municipal Library

Bylaw #540-18

Cannabis Consumption Bylaw

You can't sit on a bench on Main Street and drink a beer. Neither can you sit on a bench on Main Street and smoke pot.

Smoking marijuana restrictions are similar to drinking alcohol.

Section 4 of Bylaw 540-18 states:

A person must not smoke, vape or consume cannabis in any public place.



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