

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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2016 BUSINESS & DOG LICENSES ARE NOW DUE!

WATER RATES 2016

Beginning January 1, 2016, residential quarterly water rates will increase to \$87.00 and quarterly sewer rates will increase to \$39.00 per residential unit. The infrastructure levy will remain at \$45.00 per quarter.

UPCOMING DATES

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Monday, February 1

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Admin Office Closed
Monday, February 15

1st Quarter Water Bills Due
Tuesday, February 16

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Tuesday, March 1

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

Admin Office Closed
Friday, March 25

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Happy New Year from the Administration and Council! Another year has flown by with many changes having taken place in 2015. Some highlights of the year include: the implementation of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer program, the Urban Hen Pilot Project (one of the first of its kind in Saskatchewan), the purchase of a used grader for snow removal on our streets, opening the Administration Office over the noon hour and a debit/credit card machine for ratepayer convenience, creation of a \$1,000.00 high school scholarship for students graduating from William Derby School, providing the Free Landfill weekend in May at the Regional Landfill, opening of the Town Landfill for branches and leaves in the fall, battery recycling at the Administration Office, creation of the Strasbourg Memorial Hall Board, and hosting the first annual Volunteer Recognition Night.

With that note, I would formally like to recognize groups and individuals who volunteered their time and money specifically for Town facilities and Town-related projects in 2015:

Country Women's Network

- Donated a high chair to the Strasbourg Memorial Hall.

Lions/Fowl Supper

- Donated money for purchase of 20 rectangular plastic tables and to have new hot water line run to kitchen sinks in Hall.
- Donated money for purchase of new LED ceiling lights for the Hall kitchen.

Strasbourg School Reunion Committee

- Donated money to purchase new sound system in the Lower Hall.

Last Mountain Theatre Company

- Installed new sound system in the Lower Hall.
- Donated two new microphone stands for Hall.
- Created new sound booth in the Upper Hall.

Gazebo Volunteers

- A very special thank you to Barbara Lazarenko who donated the money to have a gazebo built on our Town's green space! Thank you to our gazebo builders: Don Josephson, Keith Strueby, Cole Strueby, Cliff Eisler, Ken Swanston, Dennis Jarrett, Norm Gritzfeld, & Rylan Strueby. Thanks to Lance Cornwell for designing the gazebo.

To all the members of the Museum Board, Hall Board, Fire Department, and Rec Board who volunteer on behalf of the Town of Strasbourg Council, thank you for your commitment to the community!

Jenn Josephson
Administrator



SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

- This is just a reminder to refrain from blowing your property's snow onto the street or alley, especially after the streets have been cleaned.
- If you are concerned about your driveway being accidentally blocked with snow from the grader, please put up visible stakes at the end of your driveway so that the grader operator knows to lower the driveway wing and clear the snow.
- Please keep your paths to your residence clear so that any emergency personnel (ambulance, fire, police, EMO volunteers) are able to reach you in your home.
- Lastly, after a snowfall, please remove vehicles from the street so that the grader can clean the area effectively. Otherwise, the vehicles will become blocked with snow, and the Town will not be held responsible for this inconvenience.

MILK JUG RECYCLING

Beginning January 1, 2016, milk jugs will no longer be accepted through SARCAN Recycling. All milk containers can be recycled in your curbside recycling bin.



** SEWER CLEANING INFORMATION **IMPORTANT

At the December meeting of Council, it was decided that the Town will NOT be offering sewer cleaning services after 4:00 p.m. or on weekends and holidays. Please call a plumber for this service. The following are a list of local plumbers who will clean sewers:

- Josh Flavell of Flavell's Plumbing & Heating
(306) 725-7743
- Jason Wilker of Jason's Plumbing & Heating
(306) 939-4888

ALSO, the Town's new sewer cleaning rate has been increased to \$250.00 per hour. The Public Works employees will only do sewer cleanings during working hours if they have time to attend your

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

While the municipal election is not until October 26, 2016, now is the time to think about putting your name forward as an elected official. For those of you new to the municipal council world, consider attending some council meetings prior to October 2016 to see what it is all about. Council meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. As an elected official for the Town of Strasbourg, you will:

- Bring the perspectives of your demographic to the decision-making table;
- Influence changes that benefit Strasbourg and ensure its sustainability;
- Put forward new ideas for debate and possible implementation and change;
- Make a positive difference in the quality of life in Strasbourg;
- Provide a voice for Strasbourg with other levels of government;
- Be part of a great team that make decisions that affect all aspects of community life.

If you have any questions regarding running for office, please do not hesitate to contact Jenn at the Admin Office.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

GREEN SPACE NAME - The Town is looking for ideas on what to name our Green Space located on Main Street. If you have any creative suggestions, please forward them to the Admin Office for Council consideration.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – Is the creation of a Community Garden of interest to Town residents? If there are people interested in such a project, please come talk to Jenn at the Admin Office.