

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING DATES

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Monday, April 1

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

Admin Office Closed
Friday, April 19

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Wednesday, May 1

Transfer Station Branch Weekends
May 4, 11, 18, 25 from 9:00 – 12:00

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

2nd Quarter Water Bills Due
Wednesday, May 15

Free Transfer Station Weekend
Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19

Admin Office Closed
Monday, May 20

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

1% Penalty to Tax Arrears
Saturday, June 1

Tax Notices Sent Out
Beginning of June

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

Last Day for 6% Tax Discount
Sunday, June 30

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESERVOIR – The Water Treatment Plant Reservoir Expansion Project was completed early January 2019. There were a few unforeseen delays with the project resulting in a long construction period, but we are happy to report that the reservoir is operational. This new reservoir added 300 cubes of extra water storage to our already existing 517 cubes of water storage. To put that into perspective, if the Town was without power and our well could not produce any extra water, we could adequately supply the Town for four to five days prior to power returning.

WATER METER REMOTE READ SYSTEM – While still in the planning stages, the Town is looking at implementing a remote read system for our water meters. The meters in this proposed system are attached to radios which run off the cellular network, and the Town and all residents can have real-time data of their water consumption. Once installed, you will no longer have to read your meter, as the Town can access the data remotely. From this data, the Town will be able to tell if there are any leakages within your home or business water system. As well, there will be an optional phone app that will give home and business owners the ability to monitor their own water consumption and manage any leaks. Council is looking at a pilot project prior to rolling out the system, and meter installation would likely be spread over two or three years for budget purposes.

TOWN DONATIONS – Usually at the beginning of the year in the newsletters we thank those individuals and groups who have donated to Town, whether it was monetarily or in-kind. However, Town Council feels that we should also give ourselves recognition for those local groups to whom we donate funds to, whether it be through grants or advertising. It is to note that the ***Town has an annual fund whereby local volunteer groups can apply for grants and donations for fundraisers and various Town events.*** Interested? Come talk to me.

Town Donations, Grants & Advertising in 2018

- Strasbourg Rec Centre (Rink) Operating Grant - \$5,000
- Strasbourg Public Library - \$1,500
- Town Scholarship to a WDS Graduate - \$1,000
- Last Mountain Rodeo Sponsorship - \$1,000
- William Derby School Playground Equipment - \$1,000
- Strasbourg Girl Guides Calendar - \$35
- Strasbourg Golf Course Hole-In-One - \$100
- Strasbourg Minor Hockey Advertising - \$175
- Siltion Legion Poppy Campaign - \$20
- Strasbourg Curling Club - \$50
- Strasbourg Maroons Advertising - \$75
- Crimestoppers - \$200

Jenn Josephson
Administrator

SPRING 2019 TOWN TRANSFER STATION WEEKENDS

Town of Strasbourg Residents Only

Town Transfer Station located 1 mile north of Golf Course

Yard Waste Weekends

Saturday, May 4: 8-12 • Saturday, May 11: 8-12
May Long Weekend: 8-12 • Saturday, May 25: 8-12

- Only BRANCHES, LEAVES, & GRASS CLIPPINGS accepted.
- Bagged leaves and grass will have to be opened and emptied into pit, as plastic cannot be burned.

Free Transfer Station Weekend

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- This is your chance to take household waste, appliances, and furniture out to the Town's Transfer Station free of charge!
- LARGE DEMOLITION PROJECTS & TIRES NOT ACCEPTED. Check with Town Office first if you have a demo project.
- You can make unlimited visits during the open times.
- Please bring ID that bears Town of Strasbourg CIVIC ADDRESS in case you are asked to produce it (driver's license, tax bill, utility bill, etc.).
- Transfer Station will be manned by Town Public Works Staff during the times listed above and all loads will be inspected and sorted.
- Public Works Staff have the right to refuse any load.

Questions? Call the Town Office (306) 725-3707

SPRINGTIME REMINDERS

QUADDING/DIRTBIKING – Driving quads and dirt bikes around Town is prohibited. The Town allows them to be driven only if you are taking a direct route in and out of Town – i.e., travelling to and from your home. Please be respectful of driving them on both public and private property, including fields adjacent to Town, Town parks and empty lots, the golf course, and ball diamonds. Also please be considerate of the noise and the time of night they are being driven. A benefit to small-town living is the peace and quiet that we all enjoy!

PICKING UP AFTER DOGS – Please keep our Town clean by picking up after your pets. We pride ourselves on a beautiful community and we want to keep it that way.

STRASBOURG MEMORIAL HALL

Since the implementation of the new rates for the Strasbourg Memorial Hall, there have been concerns from many local groups regarding the price increase. An increase to hall rental prices has not taken place in almost a decade, yet the expenses of the facility keep rising, and all Town ratepayers have to subsidize the use for everyone else to rent the facility.

Council is currently looking at ways to reduce costs for the 73 year old building, such as solar panels, new energy efficient furnaces, etc. The fact of the matter is, if groups decide to not rent the facility any longer, there is no amount of repairs, upgrades, or cost saving measures that we as a Town can do to keep the facility afloat, as we still have to pay continual utilities, insurance, and maintenance to keep it rentable and usable for sporadic use.

The Town has created a Hall Legacy Project to help offset some general operational costs of the Hall. The Town is able to issue tax deductible receipts for those wishing to donate.

For everyone's information, below is a snapshot of the Hall's financials from the last three years:

Strasbourg Memorial Hall Revenues and Expenses

	2018	2017	2016
Revenues			
Rental Fees	13,487.50	15,156.25	15,745.50
Fundraising	-	1,009.35	40.00
Donations	1,285.00	4,271.12	1,156.80
Total	14,772.50	20,436.72	16,942.30
Expenses			
Salaries	13,356.19	17,400.00	14,400.00
Benefits	220.11	185.58	185.76
Insurance	6,881.72	6,879.00	3,643.47
Contract Hall Maintenance	6,116.01	738.14	4,589.16
Heat/Power/Water/Phone	13,666.08	12,353.71	14,509.65
Supplies/Repairs	12,928.15	19,811.55	6,378.15
Capital Purchases			
-lower hall floor renos		17,696.80	
-water heater & softener for kitchen	-	4,426.44	
-fire alarm system		3,300.00	
-flat roof repair			
	14,239.71		
Total	67,407.97	82,791.22	43,706.19
Deficit	- 52,635.47	- 62,354.50	- 26,763.89

