

TOWN OF STRASBOURG NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING DATES

\$20/Load Transfer Station Weekend
Saturday, October 7 – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 8 – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Yard Waste Mornings - Transfer Station
Saturday, October 7 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 8 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 14 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 21 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 28 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Admin Office Closed – Thanksgiving
Monday, October 9

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Last Day for 2% Property Tax Discount
Tuesday, October 31

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

Admin Office Closed – Remembrance Day
Monday, November 13

4th Quarter Water Bills Due
Wednesday, November 15

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

Last Day for 1% Property Tax Discount
Thursday, November 30

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

Admin Office Closed – Christmas Break
Saturday, December 23, 2023 to
Monday, January 1, 2024 inclusive

FROM THE CAO'S DESK

LIONS PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT UPDATE – Hopefully most of the community has been able to utilize the features of the revitalized Lions Park this past summer. We were able to get the splash park up and running at the beginning of July, install the natural gas BBQ in the picnic shelter and start taking bookings, utilize the pickleball court, and have all the community garden boxes used. As the summer progressed, we added picnic tables, benches, garbage cans, various signage, etc. and we will continue to upgrade, enhance, troubleshoot and fine-tune the Park next year and beyond.

During the winter months, the walking paths will be plowed. However, after a significant snowfall, plowing of the walking trails is lower on the priority list than the streets, alleys, parking lots, and sidewalks. Please be patient as the paths may not always be immediately cleared.

On August 24, we were fortunate to have Premier Scott Moe and MLA Travis Keisig attend a small ribbon cutting ceremony for the Park. Through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), the federal and provincial government awarded the Town over \$336,000 in funding which was acknowledged at the ribbon cutting. However, our official grand opening will be on June 22, 2024 to coincide with Parks and Rec Month, and will be a fun and interactive "Park Day" for everyone to enjoy.

The Park has a remaining 10 picnic tables available for sponsorship (the benches have all been sponsored). Sponsorship of a picnic table is \$800.00 and includes a plaque with a message of your choosing, as well as a tax-deductible receipt from the Town of Strasbourg. Please let me know if you are interested in donating.

Lastly, we are proud to say that through various provincial and federal grant funds, plus donations and sponsorships, we have raised over **\$780,000** for the Park! The total project cost to date is approximately \$860,000. The Town is still going to actively fundraise for the Park so that we can continue to enhance the space. Donations are always welcome and will be recognized within the Park.

Thank you to everyone, including the individuals and businesses in this community who have contributed, and continue to contribute, to this project, whether it be through volunteer means, financially, or both. It has truly been the definition of a "community project!"

Jenn Gritzfeld
Chief Administrative Officer





REMINDER: CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE



Just a reminder that the Town Office will be closed from December 23, 2023 to January 1, 2024 inclusive. Taxes are due by December 31, 2023. If you wish to make a payment during that time, several options exist for you:

- Leave a post-dated cheque at the Town Office prior to us closing, drop a post-dated cheque in the lockbox outside of the Town Office, or mail a post-dated cheque for us to process when we are back (envelope must be postmarked by December 31).
- Leave us a credit card number and we will process the payment when we are back.
- Pay through online banking with your financial institution or use e-transfer (strasbourg@sasktel.net) by December 31.

FEEDING DEER IN TOWN

Throughout the winter months, the Town has had a large amount of deer set up camp within Town limits. It has also been noted that several residents have been feeding the deer. While it may seem like the humane thing to do, it actually is detrimental to their health and causes many Town issues since the deer become habituated in an urban environment.

Please refrain from feeding the deer!

- When deer eat rich food such as oats or hay, which is not part of their normal winter diet, they often cannot digest it and end up starving to death due to a process called rumen acidosis (i.e. similar to bloat in cattle).
- Higher numbers of deer living in Town has attracted predators (such as coyotes) which causes safety issues to the community.
- Winter wildlife mortality is natural. It can even be beneficial to the long-term health of wildlife populations. For example, sick and diseased animals are more likely to succumb to severe winters, which helps diminish disease prevalence across the landscape.
- Habituated deer are less likely to show fear of humans and have taken up residency in Town, which has lead to wildlife-human conflict through vehicle collisions, garden, and property damage.
- Management of residential, habituated deer has become very difficult as common scare tactics (e.g., noise makers, dogs, etc.) are less effective. Hunting is not a feasible tactic as hunting is not permitted in Town.

2023 TOWN TRANSFER

STATION DAYS

Town of Strasbourg Residents Only

Town Transfer Station located 1 mile north of Golf Course

Yard Waste Days

Saturday, October 7: 9-12 • Sunday, October 8: 9-12

Saturday, October 14: 9-12 • Saturday, October 21: 9-12

Saturday, October 28: 9-12

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

\$20/Load Fall Cleanup Weekend

Saturday, October 7 & Sunday, October 8
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Every load is \$20 regardless of size, so fill up your truck & trailer with junk you would like to get rid of without having to drive to the Regional Landfill.
- You can make unlimited visits during the open times, but each load is \$20 so make it count!
- Metals and appliances are still free of charge and are placed in the metal pile.
- All regular requirements for the transfer station are in effect.

UTILITY RATES

Beginning January 2024, water rates will increase \$3.00 a quarter. Sewer and infrastructure rates will remain the same.

ANNUAL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

Below are just a few reminders for the upcoming winter regarding snow removal:

- Please refrain from blowing your property's snow onto the street, alley or neighbours property, especially after the streets have been cleaned. **As per Snow Removal Bylaw 411/20, remediation amounts could be added to taxes if improper snow removal takes place.**
- 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. This is especially important for the first few snowfalls.
- 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.

