



# Spring Newsletter



## Village of Spring Lake

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**Administrative Assistant** Janet Zaplotinsky

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## Message from our Mayor!

Happy Spring to you All,

Each Spring I am reminded of how amazing and blessed we are to call this Village home. The abundance of wildlife that returns each year to enjoy the beauty, serenity and splendid natural environment exemplify how healthy and clean our private, public and communal lands are. We all have the opportunity to be environmental stewards, not only for our private residences but the community as a whole.

This summer we have an exciting community event: The Movie in the Park. Council and Administration welcome all residents to join us to share some light refreshments and time together. Please save this date, June 23, 2017. Until then enjoy our extensive trails, parks and time with friends and family.

Be well,

*Rainbow Williams, Mayor*

## Movie in the Park

Gather your friends and family and come out to the Village of Spring Lake for the ultimate outdoor movie experience!

On Friday, June 23, 2017 the Village of Spring presents Movies in the Park - a FREE outdoor movie event.

Come to Village's Outdoor Arena to watch a family favourite film. Bring your lawn chair and take in a blockbuster hit that will be playing on a 2-storey high inflatable screen.

The movie starts at dusk. This is a family-friendly event, so no alcohol or smoking please.

**Admission is FREE, however, the Village will be accepting donations for the Parkland Food Bank. The Village will be giving out free pop, chips and popcorn.**

*Please note: Severe weather conditions may result in the cancellation of this event.*

## Spring Lake Enforcement Stats

We would like to remind and encourage residents to fully utilize the Enforcement Services that the Village has contracted with Parkland County. Please report any incidents that you are concerned about by phoning Parkland Enforcement Services at 780-968-8400.

Following is a summary of enforcement stats from April 2015 to March 2016.

#### Number of Calls for Service

Dogs-23; Noise-2; Fire-5; Traffic/OHV-8; Commercial Vehicle-1; Other-1

**Total Cost - \$1,600**

#### Number of Violation Tickets Issued

Stop Sign-12; OHV-1; Liquor-1; Speeding-11; Traffic Other-10; Commercial Vehicle-5

**Total Ticket Amount - \$3,561**





## Garbage & Recycling

Weekly garbage pick-up commenced on May 1, 2017 with Blue Bag pick up continuing bi-weekly. Please check the community bulletin boards, website or call the Village Office for this schedule.

If you require additional garbage pick up on a continuous basis, please contact the Village Office for costs.

Please watch for the announcement in the Fall on when bi-weekly garbage pick-up will commence.

### PLEASE NOTE:

All residents must make sure that their **GARBAGE TOTES ARE REMOVED FROM THE ROADWAY MONDAY EVENINGS** to ensure proper road and ditch maintenance. If your tote should be damaged due to non-removal of the tote, you will be responsible for the repair or replacement cost of the tote.



## Recycling & Composting

### Hints and Tips for Recycling

- Large volumes of cardboard should be bundled and tied.
- All food containers must be empty, clean and dry.
- Please remove and discard all lids and straws.
- Please place blue bags on the opposite side of your driveway from your garbage tote.

The Village kindly asks residents to not put grass cutting, leaves, branches, etc. in garbage totes. Composting is the recommended method of disposal.



## Office Closure

The Village Office will be opened with limited hours from June 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 due to Administration taking part in municipal training through Alberta Municipal Affairs. The office will only be able to provide limited services during this time including receiving tax payments. Messages will be checked on a regular basis and emergency calls will be returned. The office hours for those days are as follows:

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Closed ♦ June 7<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 2pm ♦ June 8<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 2pm

## 2017 Property Taxes



Once again this year, the Village of Spring Lake sent out Property Assessment Notices separate from Property Tax Notices. Property Assessment Notices were mailed in March 2017 with the Assessment Appeal Deadline of May 8, 2017. Please note that the **ASSESSED VALUE** for your property is as of **July 1st, 2016**.

### PROPERTY TAXES DUE JUNE 30, 2017 by midnight

You may drop your tax payments in the mail slot located on the small door of the Quonset after office hours. Penalties will not be applied if the Village Office receives your payment on or before June 30, 2017 or if the post mark on your envelope is June 30, 2017.

A 6% penalty on your current tax levy will be applied on July 1, 2017. An additional 12% penalty on your current tax levy will be applied on July 31, 2017. On January 1, 2018 an additional 18% penalty will be applied on the complete outstanding amount (previous and current tax levy and penalties).

### TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN

For those residents that are on the Monthly Tax Payment Plan, you will find the 2017 agreement enclosed with your tax notice outlining your next 6 months of payments. We will no longer be accepting post-dated cheques as we are now set up to accept direct debit. If you are interested in signing up for the tax payment program, please contact the Village Office.

## Fire Smart – Help Protect Your Property

This year, with the extremely dry conditions and the number of devastating fires that have occurred, the Village would like to provide some helpful strategies that you can implement on your property to help reduce the risk of wildfire affecting your property.

- Do not store firewood beside buildings including houses or sheds

- Trim trees where branches are touching buildings or the ground
- Clear branches and leaves from rooftops and gutters
- Clear debris piles, dead branches and leaves from properties

For additional Fire Smart tips, please visit [www.wildfire.alberta.ca/fire-smart](http://www.wildfire.alberta.ca/fire-smart)



## Bauer Avenue and Lakeside Drive Intersection Upgrade

The Village of Spring Lake will be moving forward with the Bauer Avenue and Lakeside Drive Intersection Upgrade. This intersection will be aligned to allow for a four way stop to improve visibility and safety. We will also be constructing an improved access road into the Village Office and Public Works shop along with a new parking lot which will increase parking availability, safety and to accommodate the addition of a new outdoor multipurpose arena and community centre in the future.

During the construction, alternative routes may need to be used as the intersection will be closed and only available for residents that live in the affected area. Notices will be posted when we have confirmed the construction schedule with alternative route information.





## *Municipal Election 2017*

### **Nomination Day - Monday, September 18, 2017**

#### **Information for Voters**

The next Municipal Election is **Monday, October 16, 2017**. The Village will have one voting station, located at the Village of Spring Lake Office (990 Bauer Ave), and open **10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Five councillors will be elected for a four-year term.

A person is eligible to vote in an election if he or she:

1. Is at least 18 years old,
2. Is a Canadian citizen, and
3. Has resided in Alberta for the six consecutive months immediately preceding election day and the person's place of residence is located in the area on Election Day.

**Advance voting** will be determined and posted at a later date.

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#### **Information for Candidates**

If you're considering running for the Village of Spring Lake Council, or would like to learn more about the process of becoming an elected official, please refer to the *Candidates Guide to Running for Municipal Office in Alberta* located on the Alberta Municipal Affairs website or available for pickup at the Village Office

#### **New for 2017: Register to Collect Campaign Contributions**

If you plan to run for the Village of Spring Lake Council in 2017, you must register with the Village before you collect any campaign contributions. **This applies only to candidates collecting third-party contributions and not to candidates funding their own campaign exclusively (up to a maximum of \$10,000).**

To register, print and complete the Candidate Registration Form also found on the Alberta Municipal Affairs website or available for pickup at the Village Office. Your signature must be witnessed by a Commissioner for Oaths.

Additional information on municipal elections in Alberta can be found on the Alberta Municipal Affairs.

## *Be a Responsible Pet Owner - Respect your Community and Neighbors*

We would like to applaud the residents who respect their neighbors and community and clean up after their pets, purchase annual dog tags and abide by the Village's Dog ByLaws.

The Village's Dog Bylaw is in place for a reason. Dog complaints are the number one issue that Enforcement Services deals with. **There are no off-leash areas within the Village. Your dog must be on a leash at all times when outside your property and steps must be taken to ensure your dog remains within your property boundary when off-leash.** 2017 Dog Tags are available at the Village Office at a cost of only \$15 each. If your dog does not have a current tag, you may face a fine of up to \$150 under the Dog ByLaw.

Animal Control is provided by Parkland Enforcement Services and they may be contacted at (780) 968-8400. Residents can also drop off any stray dog at the Parkland County pound. Parkland Animal Control Services are available Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 7:30pm, Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am to 6:30pm. Emergency situations (ie. vicious or injured dog) will be evaluated and may be handled after hours.

#### **Please Pick Up After Your Pet**

The Village has installed several doggie waste bag dispensers throughout the Village as a proactive approach to ensure that all pet owners within the Village are responsible pet owners. Please use them.

A single gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria that harbour many more dangerous bacteria and viruses. **Dog feces kills plants and grass. Dog feces can pollute the environment and filter its way into water supplies. Dog feces left behind create an unattractive environment.**



## Fire Fighting Services & Permits

Firefighting services are provided by the County of Parkland and the Town of Stony Plain. Both Fire Departments list the Village as being 6 miles (9.65 KM) from the nearest fire hall.

Fire Permits are available at the Village Office at no charge. **A Fire Permit must be obtained for all fires** not in a contained pit. Please refer to the Open Burning ByLaw for specifications regarding fire pits and types of material that are permitted to be burned.

**All fires are to be within the property lines of the person the fire permit was issued to.**

**Fines** can be imposed if the Fire Department feels adequate caution was not taken while burning or if they respond to a fire on your property resulting from a deliberate fire set without obtaining a permit.

## Street Lights



If you notice a street light in the Village that has burnt out, please contact **Fortis at 780-310-9479** or **online** at [www.fortisalberta.com/streetlights](http://www.fortisalberta.com/streetlights) and provide them with the number on the pole (if available) and the municipal address closest to the pole.

## Parking

The Village Land Use Bylaw states that each property must have two off-street parking stalls. Please ensure that your vehicles are parked on your property. If from time to time, this is not possible, do not impede traffic flow or block access to any other lot. Any unlicensed vehicles parked on roadways may be towed by the Village at owner's expense.



## Traffic Speed Limits

The speed limit in the Village is 30 km/hr. The only exception is that part of Range Road 20 that is posted 50 km/hr.

Our children, our pets and we, ourselves, are too important to be targets of careless drivers speeding through the Village!

## Council Meetings

The Village Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm unless otherwise posted. If you have an item you'd like added to the Agenda, please submit it to the Village Office by noon the Friday before the meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend.

## Address Change

Please remember that it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that the Village Office has your correct mailing address.

## Crime Watch

Some of the benefits of belonging to the Stony Plain & District Crime Prevention Association are interaction between residents to get to know your neighbors and receipt of fan-out messages of interest to the community. If you would like more information, please contact Cpl. Kimberly Mueller at 780-960-6570.



## Developing and Building



**A Development Permit** must be applied for before obtaining any Safety Code Permits necessary for new construction, additions, decks, demolition, and excavation (HOLDING TANKS & CISTERNS). This permit is to ensure that your project or home occupation conforms to the Village's Land Use ByLaw, including proper setbacks from property lines, etc.

Our Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, can be reached at 780-718-5479. A Real Property Report, showing the location of existing buildings and the proposed development must be submitted when applying. Application fees must accompany all Development Applications.

**Safety Code Permits** including electrical, plumbing, building, etc. must be obtained from **Superior Safety Codes** before beginning your project. You must apply for these permits to ensure that your project is safe and conforms to safety code regulations and must be obtained before commencing work. Permit forms and information can be found on [www.superiorsafetycode.com](http://www.superiorsafetycode.com) or they are available at the Village Office.

## Alberta One Call

**Call before you dig -**

**1-800-242-3447**

**or online**

[www.albertaonecall.com/submit-a-locate-request/](http://www.albertaonecall.com/submit-a-locate-request/)

You must give at least two or three working days notice and have your legal land description available when you call.

## Art Club

The Art Club meets Monday evenings in the Council Chambers. For more information, please contact the Village Office.