

VILLAGE OF VILNA NEWSLETTER July, 2015

THIS BILLING – We apologize for any inconvenience that the late billing may have caused you.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Councils of Vilna, Town of Smoky Lake, County of Smoky Lake and Waskatenau met with the new MLA's for our area: David Hanson and Colin Piquette about a number of issues: budget, health, schools, infrastructure and agricultural conditions, to name just a few.

PLAYGROUND

Congratulations to the Vilna School Parent Advisory Council for the addition of the awesome playground they worked so hard to raise money for. It will be enjoyed by all ages for many years to come.

FLOWERS

MANY MANY THANKS TO –

-Jen Soch, Kathy Fehr and Donna Cherniwchan for planting the street planters and hanging baskets.

-Jen and her helpers for watering them through the summer.

-The Vilna Volunteer Firefighters for donating the funds to purchase the flowers.

-Adam Piwowar (2015) and Pat Romanko (2014) for planting perennials and caring for the garden at Main St. and 50th Avenue for all to enjoy!

We can't thank them enough for all their hard work and the beautiful results!!

-Vilna Citizens on Patrol for tending to the trail washrooms and keeping our area patrolled.

-All of those who quietly go about contributing their random acts of wonderfulness to Vilna and their neighbors.

YOU ARE ALL SO APPRECIATED!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 31, 2015 – A Ceremony for the **renaming at the Vilna Lodge** of the Alzheimer's unit-to "Jenny's Cottage" in memory of Jenny Habiak.

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September 12, 2015 – The **Grand Opening** of the Senior's Recreation Centre New Addition

BONNIE LAKE CAMPGROUND

No results came from calls for proposals for tending to the campground this year. The Village office is taking the reservations and Public Works is caring for the grounds etc.

A couple of important issues:

Fireworks – require a permit *EVERY* time.

Owners, whose dogs are loose, not cleaned up after, bite, or bark excessively risk losing their cash and/or their pet. Please have consideration for your neighbors and your animal.

FIRE PITS and BURNING

Remember, only recreation fires are permitted within the Village at any and all times. The only exception is when a permit has been issued by the Fire Department.

Every Owner or Occupier who builds, ignites or allows a fire in an approved fire pit must ensure that:

- Only dry or seasoned wood intended for recreational purposes is used (this means no tree or brush trimmings, or treated wood);
- A means of extinguishing the fire is kept on hand at all times while the fire is burning;
- The flames from the fire do not exceed 1 meter in height at any time;
- The fire is supervised at all times by a responsible person;
- Prior to leaving the fire, the fire is extinguished completely, leaving only cold ashes.

****New** Garbage Policy 510 - Excerpts**

1. Garbage Pick-up:

1.1 Further, and in addition to, Section 5 of Village of Vilna By-law #366:

- a) Garbage shall be placed in plastic bags designed for that purpose AND be placed in containers designed for that purpose.
- b) Medical waste, such as needles or blood testing material, is not acceptable as domestic waste. Pharmacies and other such medical providers may provide alternatives for these materials.
- c) All users shall keep and maintain proper containers for garbage storage.
- d) No bundle or bag of garbage shall exceed 20 kg (44 lb);
- e) Garbage shall be set out at the property line either at the rear of the property (where alley access is available), or at the curb (where no alley access is available)
- f) a bag restriction limit applies of 5 garbage bags per household per week. The Operator may not collect any bags over the limit.
- g) The Vilna Waste Transfer Site is open to residents on Tuesday and Saturdays from 9:00am – 5:00pm.

1.2 Other Materials Disposal

Burning of refuse or garbage which may include, but is not limited to items such as unseasoned wood, brush trimmings, grass, leaves, paper and paper products within the Village boundary is strictly prohibited.

1.3 Should disposal be required of additional materials, such as building materials, which are not accepted at the Transfer Station(s), the materials can be taken by the resident to a Landfill Site within the region, where permitted, or to the regional waste management facility at Lafond.

2. Rates and Charges:

Garbage pick-up Service is charged on the bi-monthly utility bill and established by the Village Council by bylaw as follows:

- Single Family Residential/Church - \$50.00
- Multi-Family Residential - \$90.00
- Residential/School Institutional - \$130.00
- Health Care Institution/Commercial/Garage \$60.00
- Commercial Retail - \$90.00
- Commercial Service - \$90.00
- Hotel & Restaurant - \$130.00

Note: Fees are subject to change.

3. Recycling

Since 2013 the Village has been providing a Waste Recycling program in an attempt to reduce the amount of waste being hauled to the Regional Landfill site at Lafond thereby reducing trucking costs and disposal costs to the Village and, conceivably, environmental impact.

3.1 Recyclable waste is picked up at residences on Monday mornings, with a summer schedule and a winter schedule which may differ from each other.

Materials such as cardboard (compacted and parceled), household hazardous waste, paper (bundled), and some metals. The concept is that recycling will only work if everyone participates.

- a) Yard refuse such as grass trimmings shall be placed in a clear or opaque bag, to weigh no more than 20kg (44 lbs) for pick-up on designated recycle pick-up days.
- b) Branches from trees and shrubs shall be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet and, to weigh no more than 20kg (44 lbs) for pick-up on designated recycle pick-up days
- c) Cardboard shall be bundled, to weigh no more than 20kg (44 lbs) for pick-up on designated recycle pick-up days
- d) All other recycle items such as tin cans or household hazardous waste (i.e. laundry soap containers, bleach bottles, oven cleaner spray cans) can be placed together in a receptacle to weigh no more than 20kg (44 lbs) for pick-up on designated recycle pick-up days

3.2 Safety and Hazards:

The Operator will report all incidents, including near misses, for the purposes of the health and safety of the Operator and the public.

3.3 Medical wastes such as needles or blood testing material are not acceptable as domestic waste. Pharmacies and other such medical providers may provide alternatives for these materials.

Electronics – TV's and computers only. All others are metal.

Household Hazardous Waste – all chemicals and containers used at home, compact and fluorescent bulbs, batteries (all sizes incl. rechargeable), aerosols, silver polish, nail polish remover, oven cleaners, hair dyes, laundry soaps etc.

Oil and Filters – includes all auto fluids and their filters, empty jugs, cooking oils, hydraulic fluids, etc.

Paint – includes removers, varnishes, stains. Empty cans go to metal.

Tires – any size.

Compost – grass clippings, garden waste, household vegetable waste.

Burn Pits – Cardboard from household garbage (except any inside Styrofoam and plastic packaging). Papers, magazines, clean wood (no varnish, paint or preservative) and branches.

RECYCLING PICKUP –

SUMMER – May to October = Every Monday

WINTER – November to May = Every 2nd Monday

Recycling will not be picked up on Wednesday, nor garbage on Monday.

ALL GARBAGE BAGS MUST BE SECURELY TIED WITHIN CANS WITH SECURE LIDS.

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**Respect for ourselves guides
our morals, respect for others
guides our manners.**

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Carmen's "Scraps from the Dump"

The Basics of Recycling: "Simple Actions can reduce waste charges/increases and keep pollutants from poisoning the land."

Metal = Tin cans (rinsed), all appliances and electrical equipment, all goods containing metal