

VILLAGE OF VILNA NEWSLETTER November 2013

ELECTION

As you are aware, we received three nominations for the Council of the Village on Nomination Day. Because there were three only, an election was not required and all candidates were sworn in at the organizational meeting October 28th. Your Council consists of Mayor Don Romanko, Deputy Mayor Frank Barry and Councillor Steve Klassen. Congratulations to all of them and much appreciation for the hard work they will be doing on behalf of all of us.

MEDICAL CLINIC X-RAY AND BLOOD TESTING EQUIPMENT

We are still lobbying for Alberta Health Services to replace the XRay and Blook Count Machines in the Lab of Our Lady's Health Centre.

If you want to help to get the x-ray services back to our Health Centre call your MLA, Shayne Saskiw at (780) 422-0298., or Hon. Minister Fred Horne Phone: (780) 427-3665. You can call toll free 310-0000 then the numbers above.

It is likely that some fundraising will have to be done to rectify this situation. Please be ready to help in whatever way you can to be sure that you and your family have accessible health care in the Village.

Do you know someone who is part of the Oil Sector, a company who may be interested in donating for medical equipment for our Clinic?

What if you don't have someone to get you to the Doctor and/or for an X-ray or for Lab work?

WEB PAGE

The Vilna Web Page www.vilna.ca gives you access to the minutes of the past Council meetings, some of the Village's bylaws, business listings, copies of previous newsletters, municipal documents, photos, room for comments and a page for posting events. Check it out. The Web Site is available for your use and benefit. If you have an event you want advertised OR comments or pictures, put it on the web site and we'll get it posted. Current happenings are also included on our Facebook page (Vilna Alberta).

INTERNET

If you don't have access to the internet, or aren't sure how to use it, drop by the Vilna Library. They have computers available for public use (no charge) and if you need help learning to "surf the web", the staff will gladly help you.

BUSINESS

If you are starting, running or wanting to start a business, come in to the office and find out about the Alberta Business Centre that has been set up in Vilna for the whole district.

DOGS

There is a DOG PICK UP DRIVE coming in the near future. If your dog is out roaming about town, not on a leash or in your home, THEY WILL BE PICKED UP and TAKEN to the Pound. You will be responsible for all costs involved. Fines will also be issued. If you do not pick your animal up at the Pound, every attempt will be made to adopt them out. Your neighbors are tired of being afraid of your dog; and/or cleaning up the garbage strewn by them; and/or picking up your animal's leavings; and/or worrying that it is carrying disease to their pets etc. No further warning will be given. All dogs must be Licensed at the Village office. If you are a responsible pet owner THANK YOU!!!

If you are a Landlord and this newsletter does not reach your tenants by way of the utility bill, please advise them of this.

A BAD NEIGHBOR IS A MISFORTUNE, AS MUCH AS A GOOD ONE IS A GREAT BLESSING. - HESIOD

WINTER IS HERE

Please remember to keep your sidewalks cleared of ice and snow as quickly as possible after snow. There are many seniors in town who walk often, please help them get around

The **Senior's Driveway clearing program** is being offered once again this winter. Please register at the Village Office.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Your Council has re-organized itself and is already working hard at their assigned committees and policy.

One committee is the Regional Community Development Committee (RCDC) which met on November 6th. Many good things for our region will come out of the work done by this committee, GREAT ideas are being put forward for action. As usual the main issue will be funding of projects and initiatives to improve our communities in the region,. We look forward with enthusiasm to the positive changes we will see in coordinating and cooperating with our neighboring municipalities.

One of the initiatives coming from studies done by the RCDC is that of the need for better health, more exercise and better eating habits. The Smoky Lake Region does not rank well in the province, our youth in particular! Look for events and groups which encourage more activity for your family, especially for seniors and youth. Get up, Get out, Eat Well, Have Fun, Be Fit!!!!

The Vilna Senior's Recreation Centre is a great place to start if you qualify to be a member and want some things to do in the winter months. Give it a try, they have a lot of fun!!

The other committees to name a few are; The Smoky Lake Foundation- Homes for Seniors who are busy managing the Lodges and seniors apartments in the County, Doctor Recruitment and Retention, Vilna Fire Department, Evergreen Waste Commission- which we are partner in and manages the landfill facility that handles our garbage and transfer station waste, Vilna Library, Regional Emergency Preparedness, Highway 28/63 Water Commission- which we partner in for the incoming water line, Alberta HUB-an organization that advocates for our area with business, Vilna Ag Society, NE Muni-Corr which manages the Iron Horse Trail, and a few more. Reports on the activities of these committees are published in Council Meeting Minutes which are posted on the website.

GENERAL ITEMS

The next Council Meeting will be held at the Village office at 7pm on November 18th, 2013 at the Village office.

Check with the Senior's Centre for daily, weekly and monthly events.

There are actively working groups within the community which work very hard to keep our community vibrant and active. Please consider volunteering and/or supporting these groups with your talents and skills. Many hands make light

work..... for the benefit of all. Support your Community, your home.

If you happen upon a fire, no matter where you are, and firefighters have placed hose across a road or alleyway, DO NOT drive over the hoses!! Not only does this damage the hose, but it can also damage the pumps and/or truck that it is attached to. Please, go around or wait.

"I always prefer to believe the best of everybody; it saves so much trouble"
— Rudyard Kipling

THANK YOU TO Mr. James Gerrior, a very new resident of Vilna, who has already given so much to our Village in the form of random acts of kindness by picking up garbage from the street, straightening signs and much more. Thanks James, you are a true example of GREAT citizenship!!!

THANK YOU TO MRS. WENDY COZICAR who organized the Vilna Christmas Craft Fair and Sale Vendors!

THANK YOU TO the anonymous donors of items for the Village....

VILNA VESELKA DANCERS PEROGY SUPPER
NOVEMBER 29TH 5PM AT THE CULTURAL
CENTRE!!

VILNA SCHOOL is holding a Literacy Carnival November 14th, 2013 in the Agora at the School. The CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held on December 19th.

"I've learned... That being kind is more important than being right." — H. Jackson Brown Jr.

The Village Office will be closed from December 23 through 30th, but will be open on December 31 from 1pm to 4pm for those who wish to pay taxes before the 10% penalty is added on January 1st, 2014.

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