

ST. PAUL'S TOWN TATTLER

Town Bi-Annual Newsletter – May/2014

Administration

Anyone wanting to go on the equalized monthly tax payments for 2015, forms must be filled out by December 31st, 2014.

**2014 Tax Notices will be sent out June 1st, 2014 Due 1st Friday in July, 2014
PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE BY CASH, CHEQUE, DEBIT OR POST DATED CHEQUES**

The Town of St. Paul has a \$25.00 Administration fee for all NSF transactions.
When making on-line payments please use correct payment account – Ex: **Utilities – (Town), Taxes – (Town)**

TAX ASSESSMENT OPEN HOUSE

A Tax Assessment Open House will be held on June 12th, 2014 & June 19th, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Town Council Chambers at 5101-50 St.

There is a graffiti cleaner available (FOR FREE) at the Community Futures Office (780-645-5782) through their graffiti reduction program. This is available to any resident in Town.

Water Department

Read and Phone, Fax or E-mail all meter readings into Town Office Phone(780-645-4481) Fax (780-645-5076) or E-mail to townhall@town.stpaul.ab.ca. If we do not receive a meter read for 1 whole year there is a charge everytime your house is tagged. **NEW WATER RATES EFFECTIVE – July 1st, 2014 Please see our TOWN WEBSITE**

By-Law Services

Municipal Enforcement would like to remind all residents that no RV's, attached or unattached trailer or holiday trailer shall be left on the road. Except for the purpose of loading and unloading for a period **not exceeding 48 hours** and must be adjacent to the property it is being loaded or unloaded to. Any trailer, RV that exceeds 48 hours will be subject to a \$57 fine.

If you have problems with stray cats you can rent a trap from the Town of St. Paul. Traps can be rented from Parks & Recreation office in the Town Hall. A fifty dollar deposit is required and residents are responsible for transporting strays to the Animal Shelter.

Off Highway Vehicles must have a license plate attached. Operators must be 14 years old to ride OHV alone. You need an operator's license when on the road. Every person operating Off Highway vehicles shall use alleys whenever possible. Where necessary highways where no access to an alley is available. Permitted is 57th St. to fuel at Extra Foods/Westbrook Mall. Also 42nd St. to fuel at Co-op. No person shall operate an Off Highway Vehicle between the hour of **12:01 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.** within the Town limits. Speed limit on the Iron Horse Trail is **30 km/hr** while in Town. **If you have any questions about St. Paul's By-Laws, or would like to make a complaint please use the contact information below, your name will be anonymous but we need your contact information to validate your request.**

Community Peace Officers – Ryan Berezanski & Shane Ashdown (Office: 780-645-4522)

E-mail: peaceofficer@town.stpaul.ab.ca

Website: www.town.stpaul.ab.ca/Municipal-Enforcement

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

Cradle to Crayon Initiative

Recent research confirms that the first five years are particularly important for the development of a child's brain, and the first three years are the most critical in shaping the child's brain architecture. With positive early development children are more likely to do well in school, have better jobs, become good parents, and develop positive social relationships and better coping and problem solving skills. Communities have a vital role to play in promoting healthy early child development. Strong communities with good programs and supports can help overcome the impact of poverty and other risk factors. The first five years of a child's life are the most critical; they are the foundation that shapes the child's future health, growth and development. U.S. economist and Nobel Prize winner James Heckman

calculates that for every dollar spent of early childhood is equivalent to three dollars on school aged children and eight dollars on young adults. St. Paul Early Child Development Community Coalition wants to bring attention to the importance of the early years in terms of child development and school readiness; from cradle to crayon. For more information visit ecmap.ca and like us on Facebook *St. Paul and Area's Cradle to Crayon Initiative*.

Fire Department

From the Fire Hall - **Guidelines for Your Residential Fire Pit:**

Construction of a Fire Pit:

- Pits shall be at least 3 metres (10 feet) from any combustible structures including fences or decks.
- There shall be no overhead wires, clotheslines, or tree branches.
- Pits shall be constructed of non-combustible materials.
- The base of the pit shall rest on sand, gravel or concrete.
- All organic material should be removed for a distance of 15 cm (6 inches) all around the fire pit.
- Fire pits should be less than 1 metre (39 inches) in diameter and depth.
- All fire pits shall have a metal screen (1/4" max.) spark guard cover while in use.

Using your Fire Pit:

- Do not burn garbage, lawn clippings or yard refuse in your fire pit.
- Use only dry, clean firewood. – No treated lumber scraps.
- Keep your fire small. – No bonfires
- Respect your neighbours – Make sure smoke is going straight up.
- Fire pits shall be used for cooking or warming purposes only.

Safety Points:

- Adult supervision at all times.
- Keep screen cover in place except to add wood.
- Keep a water hose or pail nearby.
- Make sure your **fire is out** when you leave it.
- Again, keep your fire small.



Public Works

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (NEW HOURS)

May 1st, 2014 – October 31st, 2014

12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. (Tuesday – Friday)

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. (Saturday)

Closed Sunday, Monday and all Statutory Holidays.

PLEASE BRING GARDEN WASTE, GRASS AND TREE BRANCHES TO TRANSFER STATION. DO NOT DISPOSE OF GRASS CLIPPINGS ON OTHER PEOPLES LOTS.

Please have loads that are taken to the Waste Management Facility tarped or FINES will be given.

Recreation & Parks

The Reunion Station at the soccer facilities will be open to rentals for Reunions, BBQ's, Gatherings, Etc. all year long. To reserve this building please call the Town of St. Paul Parks and Recreation Office @ 780-645-5313

Day Camps – This is the second summer that the St. Paul Aquatic Centre will be offering day camps for children. The camps will be weekly, from Monday to Friday, beginning the week of July 2-15 and running all the way through the week of August 26-30. There are three separate age groups: children ages 4-6, 7-8, & 9-11. The price for one week of camp this summer will be \$200 per child (camp will not run on certain holidays, therefore resulting in a cheaper price for certain weeks). Camp will run from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. Early drop off times are available, for an additional \$5.00, as early as 7:30 a.m. as well as late pick up times running until 5:00 p.m. for the same price. Participants will be expected to bring packed lunches for the day and we would like to encourage them to bring healthy well balanced meals. We hope to see you at day camp and we sincerely wish you a fun filled summer.

Swimming –Lessons – Red Cross swimming lessons: We start with getting comfortable in the water and proceed from there into developing the skills needed to begin to swim. The order of progression is Sea Otter-Salamander-Sunfish-Crocodile-Whale. These sets of lessons are typically for children ages 3-5. This summer our preschool lessons will run biweekly or weekly sessions. They start on July 7-17th and run through to the week of August 19-29.

School Ages Lessons – Red Cross Swimming Lessons: These lessons work on developing correct swimming strokes for children while also introducing them to water safety and lifesaving skills. These proceed from level 1-10. If your child has completed some preschool lessons they may be able to start at level 2 or even higher. These sets of lessons are for children ages 6 and up.

Prices – Preschool – Level 4 \$50.00, Level 5-10 \$60.00

For additional information and specific dates/times call Aquatic Centre 780-645-3388

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS July 1st, 2014 starting at 10:00 A.M. Recreation Centre

