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SPRING 2024

**“Go confidently in
the direction
of your dreams.
Live the life
you have imagined.”**

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

REFUSE TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Summer hours: May 1, to September 30, 2024– SATURDAYS,
SUNDAYS and HOLIDAY MONDAYS from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

1st Quarter Billing – January to March 2024. Utility bills will be sent out
at the beginning of April.

2024 Tax Notices – Tax notices will be sent out at the end of May or in
the first part of June.

Thank you to Ray Maffenbeier for removing a number of large animal
carcasses reported under decks last winter in the Village. We
appreciate it!

Congratulations to Glen Hurst for obtaining his certification in Level II
Water Operations. Our plant requires a level II certification, and it is
great to have someone from the Village hold that designation. Well
done!



SPRING NEWSLETTER



**2024 Municipal
Election:
Saturday, July
27th**



NEW AND UPCOMING

With the weather changing and spring around the corner, the Village has two new portable picnic tables purchased through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant.

New Pre-Authorized Debit service information sign up sheet will be sent out with the 1st Quarter Utility bills.

The Village office move has taken place, and we are very pleased to have a space that is a functioning office for us. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this.

DRAINAGE GRANT FOR VILLAGE RATEPAYERS

A new policy has been developed to assist ratepayers in the Village with potential drainage projects on their property. Please call the office for further information and a copy of the new policy and application. The new policy will have final approval at the April 17th Regular Meeting of Council.



WE CARE

Council and Administration place the highest of values on the residents of this community. Please let the office know if you're aware of someone who would appreciate receiving our heartfelt thoughts through a card.



DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Identifying Elm Bark
The bark surface is generally rough, fissured and deeply grooved. The Siberian Elm bark is not quite so deeply grooved.

Dutch Elm Disease Symptoms
Symptoms appear in late June. Leaves will turn yellow and then brown (flagging), on one or more branches at the crown of the tree.

As the disease progresses, entire canopy may drop prematurely in the fall. Girdling brown lesions form on the base throughout the winter months.

Is it Elm?
Dutch Elm Disease has a distinctive serrated leaf margin. Leaves are 2-3 cm long with serrated margins and are attached at the base.

Home-owners should keep their elms healthy with careful pruning and by watching for signs of Dutch Elm Disease.

1-800-SASKELM

SASKATCHEWAN DUTCH ELM DISEASE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – The Village AGM will be held once again this year at the Silton Community Centre. The date will be sent out once confirmed.

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY – is now offering online services. Our closest libraries are in Earl Grey, Strasbourg, and Southey. Sign up for a library card to access the library services.



GENERAL INFORMATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

RADON MITIGATION IN SASKATCHEWAN

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas released when uranium decays. Homes built on soil containing uranium can be flooded with radon gas when there are cracks and gaps in foundation walls and basement floor slabs. Radon that enters homes poses a health risk, as long-term exposure to radon can increase the risk of lung cancer. The risk is particularly significant in areas with high radon concentrations in the soil, such as some parts of Saskatchewan.

Regular testing for radon is recommended. If levels are above the limits recommended by Health Canada, systems can be installed. Such systems typically involve installing either an active or passive ventilation system below basement floor slabs and sealing radon gas entry points in slabs and foundation walls. **For more information on radon, visit:**

- [Health Canada](#) for information on measuring and reducing levels of radon in your home.
- Government of Canada [Radon: Action Guides](#)

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ZONING BYLAW

Many of you have been seeing emails regarding these two bylaws. As a legislative requirement, all municipalities must have an Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw. The government of Saskatchewan provided funding opportunities for municipalities to have these bylaws developed. The Village was one of those municipalities who did not miss out on this funding, and although this has been a long process, we are looking forward to final government approval of our draft bylaws.

It is important to note, like all bylaws, they too can be amended when needed. These two bylaws create the social, economic and cultural basis of the community, so any amendments made must follow the same governmental final approval process.