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Town of Arcola

Reminder:

Main Street in Arcola is the only designated truck route. Please ensure that heavy vehicles travel only on this street, except for deliveries.

The purpose of this is to protect residential streets from damage caused by heavy vehicles.

Staffing News:

We welcome Cathy Burton as Assistant Administrator, in a temporary capacity, to replace Monika Galloway while she is away. Our summer student, Justin James, was done working for us at the end of July; we wish him well in his future endeavours! Alex Riordon is no longer employed with the Town; we are currently advertising to fill the Maintenance Assistant position.

House Numbers Required

Council wants all residents of Arcola to be aware that house numbers are required on all homes and businesses. This is important, in order to assist emergency personnel, in the event that you need ambulance or fire responders at your premises.



If you are not sure what your house or business number should be, please call the Town Office.

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Released on July 4, 2018

The Government of Saskatchewan has amended regulations to allow for the ticketing of numerous offences under *The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act.* Ticket amounts will range from \$200 up to a maximum of \$2,250 depending on the offence. Passing of these regulations is another step toward the legalization of cannabis in Canada.

Offences subject to ticketing will include:

- A \$200 ticket for possessing or distributing more than 30 grams of dried cannabis in a public place;
- A \$200 ticket for consuming cannabis in a public place;
- A \$1,000 ticket for consuming cannabis at school, on school grounds or at a child care facility;
- A \$300 ticket if a minor is caught purchasing, possessing, consuming, or selling cannabis;
- A \$750 ticket for anyone caught selling or giving cannabis to a minor;
- A \$2,250 ticket if a permittee or employee of a retail cannabis location fails to demand proof of age and/or if a permittee sells or distributes cannabis to a minor;
- A \$300 ticket for possessing, consuming or distributing cannabis in a vehicle, which will not apply if someone is transporting cannabis from a legal point of purchase to a legal point of consumption; and
- A \$200 ticket for possessing or consuming cannabis in a campground when a cannabis prohibition is in effect.

These new regulations that apply to cannabis are similar to current rules regarding alcohol. The ticketing rules for cannabis under The Summary Offences Procedure (Miscellaneous) Amendment Regulations, 2018, will not come into force until The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act is proclaimed this fall.

These regulations follow the release earlier this year of the Saskatchewan Cannabis Framework, which outlines a plan for the legal and responsible distribution, sale and use of cannabis in the province.

The federal government has indicated cannabis will be legal in Canada on October 17, 2018. Until that time, current laws and rules apply and cannabis for recreational purposes remains illegal.

Campfire Safety

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. Check these safety tips:

Before setting a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.

If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 7.5 meters away from any structure and anything that can burn.

Clear away dry leaves and sticks, shrubs and overhanging low branches.

Avoid burning on windy, dry days.

Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire. Attend the fire at all times.

Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries each year.



Please Pick Up After Your Pet

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter. When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please check the Town's website to view the 2017 Audited Statement of Financial Position, and the Town's 2017 Notice to Consumers, as well as the 2017 Annual Waterworks Report. These are documents that the Town is required to publish, to keep residents informed.



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Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Here's what you need to know!

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.

Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.

Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

Test your smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.

When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.

Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations as required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.