

Town of Arcola

Welcome to our two new employees,
Josh Sim and Hayden Cutler, both in the
Public Works Department!

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Reminder: It's that time again!

The influenza (flu) vaccine is free (publicly funded) and is offered to Saskatchewan residents who are six months and older.

Flu vaccines are proven to be safe by Health Canada. By getting immunized, you protect yourself and those close to you during the flu season.

Contact the nearest Public Health Office for a
Schedule of Flu Clinics in this area.

How We Can Create A Strong Community

A hive of bees is a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes mightily to the success of the hive. The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee not only understands the interrelationships that exist between it and the rest of the members of its community, but is willing to accept some of the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary. As homeowners, we too can choose to recognize the interrelationships that exist between ourselves and our neighbors and how those interrelationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can also choose to take some of the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to improving those relationships and in the process improve our community. In order for our community to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility. For example: We all must obey our governing documents. By obeying community rules and regulations, we contribute to our community and accept the role of a rule abiding member. Our role as a rule abiding member expands to include that of a voting member. We also have the opportunity to attend Council meetings in order to better understand the business decisions made by the Council. When we choose to attend those meetings, our role as a rule abiding, voting member now expands to include that of a participating member. And when we choose to serve on community committees or Council, we accept another role and become a rule abiding, voting, participating and contributing member. So, let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and, like the bee, work together at making our community the best place to live that it can be!

NFPA's Fire Prevention Week website, www.firepreventionweek.org. ©2018 NFPA.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." works to educate about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire – and how to escape safely in the event of one:

- **LOOK** for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- **LISTEN** for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should meet.
- **LEARN** two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

This year, Sparky the Fire Dog® introduces his new friend Simon, who is helping teach this year's Fire Prevention Week messages. Simon is a smart, resourceful character who will join Sparky in spreading fire-safety messages to adults and children alike.

How to tell when it's time for chimney cleaning

There isn't a simple rule of thumb on how often to clean your chimney, such as cleaning after 50 uses or one year. The problem is, creosote can form when wood is burned incompletely. A smoky fire without enough oxygen emits lots of unburned tar vapors that can condense inside the fireplace flue and stick to it, possibly leading to a chimney fire. You can reduce creosote buildup in your fireplace flue by providing adequate combustion air, which will encourage a hot, clean-burning fire.

To check for creosote yourself, first make sure there's no downdraft from the chimney. If you feel an airflow, open a door or window on the same floor as the fireplace until the downdraft stops or reverses and air flows up (tape tissue to the fireplace opening and watch its movement). Then, while wearing goggles and a basic disposable dust mask, take a strong flashlight and your fireplace poker and scratch the black surface above the damper (smoke chamber). If the groove you scratch in the creosote is paper thin, no cleaning is needed. If it's 1/8 in. thick, schedule a cleaning soon. If you have 1/4 in. of creosote, do not use the fireplace again until it is cleaned—a chimney fire could occur at any time.

To check for creosote, shine the light near the top of the firebox, in the smoke chamber and around the damper. And check the fireplace flue, too, especially on exterior chimneys, where creosote builds faster than on interior chimneys because of lower outside temperatures.

The easiest creosote to remove is the feather-light dull gray, brown or black soot. The next form is a black granular accumulation, removed fairly easily with a stiff chimney brush. The third type of creosote is a road tar-like coating that is much harder to remove even with stiff chimney brushes, scrapers or power rotary whips. The final (and most deadly) is a shiny, glaze-like coating on the fireplace flue that is virtually impossible to remove. Call a chimney sweep for this one!

Snow Removal Policy: Council wants to remind you that the first streets to be attended to after a snow fall are Main Street, Prairie Avenue East (Main Street to the hospital) and Brock Avenue, from the hospital to #604, in that order. The remaining streets will be done in the order determined by accumulation and need.

Snow removed from private property is not to be placed on boulevards at intersections or on any street or avenue.

Vehicles left over the legal parking limit on any street may be removed to accommodate snow removal.



Snow ridges from the grader will be removed from driveways and walkways as soon as possible after the streets are cleared.

Please stay off of the airport runway!
It is dangerous for people, animals and vehicles, as well as for planes landing.

It is also contrary to the Canadian Aviation Regulations and Standards, Part III, Sub I, Sections 301.08 (a) and (h).

Upcoming Events:

Remembrance Day Service at MacMurray Theatre on November 11th.

Daycare community fundraiser on November 24th.

Arcola Buck Night coming in December.

Check for details on posters and/or facebook!

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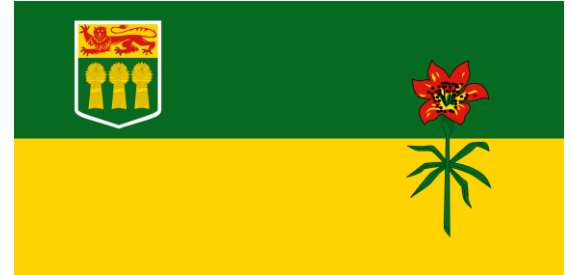
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Thanks to those who have heeded our request to take care about what is being flushed down the sewers! We are still experiencing issues with baby wipes and feminine products being flushed, and clogging the lift station. Please do not flush these items.

If anyone would be willing to volunteer to work at the museum from time to time, please contact the town office. It would be great to be able to offer tours to visitors!

Your cooperation is requested! Please do not park facing the wrong way on the streets and boulevards. Our Bylaw Enforcement Officer may be issuing tickets!

Did you know: Saskatchewan's Emblem, Multis E Gentibus Vires, "From Many Peoples Strength" - The provincial Coat of Arms was granted through Royal Warrant from Queen Elizabeth II in 1986. It is an augmentation of the original shield of arms adopted by Royal Warrant of King Edward VII in 1906. A crest of a beaver and crown is placed above the shield. On either side of the shield are supporters: a lion and a deer. The shield itself displays the royal lion and three gold wheat sheaves, symbolizing Saskatchewan agriculture. The base is formed of western red lilies, Saskatchewan's floral emblem.



Did you know: Saskatchewan's tourism sector made significant gains in 2017. Visits to and within the province by Canadians increased by 9.4 per cent from 2016, placing Saskatchewan well ahead of Canada's overall growth rate of 2.1 per cent. Visitor expenditures showed even higher growth, with a jump of 10.4 per cent. Canadian visitors, including Saskatchewan residents travelling within the province, spent \$1.88 billion in 2017.



Did you know: The next time you are putting mustard on your sandwich, it came from Saskatchewan.

Although mustard production didn't start in Saskatchewan until the 1950's, it has grown to account for about 75 per cent of production in Canada, which in 2010 was just over 150,000 tonnes, tops in the world.



Did you know: There are more roads in Saskatchewan than in any other province in Canada?

According to Highways and Infrastructure, there are 26,000 kilometres of highways in the province and a total road surface of 160,000 kilometres – enough to circle the equator four times.

