Newsletter

December, 2019

Town of Arcola

Council and staff of the Town of Arcola wish each and every one of you all the best in 2020!

Happy New Year!

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The Town of Arcola had their annual lighting contest with judging held on December 15th.

1st place residential winner:

Derryl Chapman & Eileen Corrigan

2nd place residential winner:

Brian & Gail Crump

1st place commercial division winner:

Buddy's Pub

Thank you to all those that participated and hoping to make this competition bigger and brighter next year! Our judges truly enjoyed the twinkle tour!

Snow Removal Policy

We would like to remind you that the first streets to be attended to after a snowfall 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 remember that there are lots of people and kids who are out walking. If you have a sidewalk please remember to clear it off for everyone's safety.

Remember it is going to get slippery so please slow down and watch for residents that may be out walking and kids crossing streets!



Moving Vehicles

Town Staff would like to remind everyone to please not park/leave vehicles on the street. Parking vehicles on streets interferes with proper snow removal. We would also like to remind everyone to be cautious around snow removal equipment. For your safety, keep a fair distance away while they are in progress. Also please do not pile snow on other people's properties, on boulevards or in front of fire hydrants.



Renew Your Licenses

It's that time of year again! Please come into the town office and renew your business, dog and/or cat licenses. Business licenses are required for anyone or business that does work in Arcola. The only ones that are exempt from getting a business license are businesses that own a building and pay town taxes. So for example, if you contract someone out to re-shingle your house, they must come into the office and get a business license.



Dog and cat licenses are also to be filled out and bought every year. These are \$10 each. Please come with an idea of the date of vaccines, Most specifically rabies. Once you have, we will give you a tag that is to be worn by your dog or cat at all times.

Town of Arcola Advertising

With lots going on in the Town we like to keep you updated as fast as we can. We found the best way to get the word around is through social media. If you have not already, make sure to like "Town of Arcola" on Facebook. Anything from water line breaks, boil water advisories, and town events are advertised on our page. This ensures that we can get the word out to as many people as we can in a timely manner. Also make sure to check out our town website at <u>www.townofarcola.ca</u>. Any information you are looking for can be found on this site. If not, don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions you might have.

No computer, no problem we will continue to post notices up around town at the businesses as soon as possible with things going on in town.

Reminder you can go paperless and we can send your bills to your e-mail. We have a form at the office to sign and it is that easy to set up.

Town Information

Friday & Saturday nights - Optimist Mac Murray Theatre, movies start at 8:00 pm.





Don't Forget: Optimist Snowmobile Rally January 25, 2020

Please support this local fundraiser!

Reminders

- The weather is changing and getting cold out, so please be a responsible pet owner- Do not let your pets run free in town, and remember to pick up after them. We have had a number of cases of pets running at large lately.
- 2019 Taxes are to be paid in full December 31st or there will be a 5% interest added onto your account on January 1st. If still not paid, a 5% interest will be added on again on February 1st. If you do not know what your account balance is at, please call the office.
- If any residents have water and sewer bills that are outstanding, they will be sent an overdue letter stating when they have to be paid by, accompanied by a \$5 overdue fee. If not paid by that date, the Town can turn off the water until payment is received. There will also be a \$100 charge to turn the water back on as per our Bylaw 23-2013.
- The Town Office is open Monday Friday 8:00am 4:30pm. Can't make it in to make a payment- no problem. We are set up for online banking so you can pay from home at any time. Make sure to call or email the office to get the correct account number.

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2020 GFL Schedule

The scheduled pick up dates will stay the same with the first recycle pick up being Mon., January 6th. Recycle will continue being picked up every other Monday and garbage pickup will continue to be every Friday. We will notify everyone if any of these dates change.

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Prairie Place Complex

The Hall portion of Prairie Place Complex was built in 1994. The skating rink opened in 2002. The curling rink opened in 2004 in time to host a Boxing Day Spiel. Over the years improvements and upgrades have kept this multiuse facility a place our community can be proud of. This year some costly replacements of equipment and some much needed upgrades were completed. Plans are in the works to continue to keep the complex up to date, safe, and busy.

Prairie Place Complex is overseen by a volunteer board, with two hired maintenance employees. There are two major fundraisers annually; the Sportsman Dinner and Poker Night. Other fundraising efforts from numerous groups in the Town and area, annual grants from the Town of Arcola and the RM of Brock, rental fees, skating and curling fees help to cover the costs of general operations, routine maintenance and utilities. Generous donations have supported improvements and revitalization.

Some of the projects completed in the last year.

-Skating rink main level bathrooms completely redone.

- -New water heater, water softener, and maintenance program to boilers for the curling and skating rinks.
- -Addition of an air exchanger in the skating rink.
- -Fixed the leaking roof in the rink kitchen.
- -Professional cleaning and disinfecting of the rubber mats in the skating rink basement.
- -Painting of the skating rink main level.
- -Repairs to the coolers in the Hall Kitchen.
- -Replaced some tables in the Hall.
- -Replaced valve in ice plant for the curling and skating rinks.

Some projects that are scheduled for the following year or as donations permit, in no particular order.

- -Addition of an overhead garage door in the NE corner of the hall to accommodate larger items and vehicle access.
- -Replacement of the rubber matting in the lower level of the skating rink.
- -Redo lower level bathrooms and showers in skating rink.
- -Replace some of the windows in the Hall.
- -Paint the beams in the Hall.
- -Complete finishing of the walls in the Hall.
- -Paint the exterior doors.
- -Install a pull down screen and projector in the hall to promote use of venue for numerous presentations and events.
- -Improvements in the rink kitchen to come in line with changing Public Health Standards.

Arcola and Area are proud to be able to provide a fun and safe play and entertainment environment for everyone. We are proud of the community support of the fundraisers and generous donations. We need your continued support. Donations receipts will be provided for any donation made of \$25.00 or more. Please make donations to the Town of Arcola, designated for Prairie Place Complex.