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Town of Arcola

COVID - 19 Updates

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The Town office is open again to the public with our regular hours of Mon–Fri, from 8-12, 1-4:30. We are closed for lunch from 12-1.

For the safety of our customers and employees we are asking if you have recently had a fever, cough or shortness of breath please do enter our office. We are also asking that only 1 person (or 1 household) enter the Town Office at a time in order to keep proper social distancing and enables us to clean/disinfect in-between residents.

As the Provincial Government continues to announce Saskatchewan Re-Open plans, we will try our best to update residents on what is opening back up in town. A few things to note:

- As of June 12^{th,} our two town owned play parks are re-open.
 Please be advised that playground equipment is not sanitized so use at your own risk. It is recommended that you wash or sanitize hands both before and after play.
- As of 8:00am June 16th our Emergency Department at the Hospital is open back up for 24-hour service.
- It was announced that libraries can re-open as of June 29th, however all Southeast Regional Library Branches, including Arcola's, will not be ready to open quite yet. Please keep an eye on their Facebook page or visit <u>www.southeastlibrary.ca</u> for updates.
- As of right now the Prairie Place Hall and Optimist Legion Hall are not open to the public. We are waiting for the go ahead from the Provincial Government, along with protocols on extra cleaning and disinfecting. As these halls are run by volunteers please be patient as we try to navigate through these rules.

Employee Updates

We have a few employee updates to let you know about! Dawson Birnie is back with us again for another summer as our summer maintenance student. He will be busy cutting and trimming grass, painting, cleaning up and many other maintenance needs around town.

We are very happy to announce that our Public Works Assistant Spencer Dyer has received his Class 1 Water Treatment & Water Distribution Certification. So now, both of our operators are certified!

We would like to wish Christie Hislop all the best as she will be taking maternity leave come mid July. We wish Christie, James and Liam all the best as they welcome their new baby to the family.

Glenda Johnston will be in as Acting Administrator while Christie is out on maternity leave for the year. Welcome back Glenda!



Upcoming Events in Town

- *With Covid-19 still going on, community buildings are still closed at this point. We are hoping to be able to reopen them soon.
- *Canada Day Fireworks and activities have been cancelled.
- *The SMAK Attack between the towns of Stoughton, Manor, Arcola and Kisbey has been cancelled until next year.
- *Arcola Ag Daze is also cancelled for this year.

General Municipal Elections

Every four years general elections are held.

The next general municipal election is to be held on Monday, November 9, 2020. Nomination day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Arcola has 7 positions available: 1 Mayor, and 6 Councilors so please consider running.

It is important to become involved in your community's affairs and exercise your democratic right to choose the leaders of your community.

As a member of council, you will have the opportunity to shape the future of your municipality.

Who can run?

Persons eligible for nomination must be:

- 18 years old;
- A Canadian Citizen
- Have resided in the municipality for at least 3 consecutive months and have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months.

Council has the following duties:

- 1. To represent Arcola and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality.
- 2. To participate in developing and evaluating policies, bylaws, services and programs of the municipality.
- 3. To participate in council meetings and council committee meetings, and meeting of other bodies to which they are appointed by the council.
- 4. To ensure that administrative practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of council.
- 5. To keep in confidence matters discussed in private at a council or council committee meeting until discussed at a meeting held in public.
- 6. To maintain the financial integrity of the municipality.



What NOT to Flush Down the Toilet

Please remember feminine products, tampons and other feminine hygiene products are not supposed to be flushed down the toilet.

Cooking Grease/Food should never be poured down any drain, period.

Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes/Cleaning Pads, Dental Floss, Q-Tips/Cotton Balls are not meant to be flushed.

Diapers, Paper Towels and Tissues also do not belong in our sewer system.

And any kind of medication should be disposed of properly and not down our sewer system.



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