

Highlights from the Mayor



With the upcoming Municipal Election next month, I would like to take the time to thank our Council for their hard work and dedication towards making our town a better place for our residents and business community. Being a municipal representative can be a very difficult job at times and this past term has been exactly that. Faced with a global pandemic our Council was challenged to make difficult decisions in order to maintain our focus, which was and will continue to be the safety of our residents and visitors. To any outgoing members of Council at the end of this term, thank you again for your public service and I sincerely wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

The Alberta Government has again released new restrictions for the spread of COVID-19. Calling it the crisis of the unvaccinated, we as leaders of our communities have been called upon to ask our residents to comply with the orders put in place on September 20th and encourage vaccinations for those eligible. We continue to navigate these restrictions and are hopeful that we can provide our facilities to those that wish to use them for both adult and youth recreation activities as long as rules are followed.

Of course, our Summer seemed to fly by with the amazing weather and I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy it as much as they could. Fall is upon us now and the final push is on for our construction season to wrap up and transition into our winter months. Let's hope it stays away for a while longer though. When travelling please remember our little ones are back in school and that extra caution should be taken in the morning and afternoons to ensure safe passage to and from home. As we know, they are not always focused on the traffic or visibility issues that drivers can be faced with.

That's all for now, please take care.

Maureen Miller, Mayor

ADMINISTRATION

World Cerebral Palsy Day.

October 6, 2021

October 6 marks World Cerebral Palsy Day. Join the movement this World Cerebral Palsy day to help create awareness and action around cerebral palsy, because every person living with cerebral palsy is a reason to strive for change.

PUBLIC WORKS

Transfer Station Fall/Winter Hours

October 1 - April 30

Tuesday thru Friday: 10am - 6pm
Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Closed Sunday & Monday
Location: 2.4 km N.E. of St Paul on
Twp 582 and Rg Rd. 93A

PROTECTIVE SERVICES/ MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT

According to the latest NFPA "Smoke Alarms in the U.S." report, working smoke alarms in the home reduce the risk of dying in a reported fire by more than half. However, almost three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms (41 percent), or smoke alarms that failed to operate (16 percent). Missing or non-functional power sources, including missing or disconnected batteries, dead batteries, and disconnected hardwired alarms or other AC power issues, are the most common factors when smoke alarms fail to operate.

People tend to remove smoke alarm batteries or dismantle alarms altogether when they experience nuisance alarms from burning supper in the oven or things like that. They also tend to remove or dismantle the alarm when it begins to chirp as a result of low batteries or the alarm has reached the end of its serviceable life (10 years). These behaviors present serious risks to safety that can have tragic consequences in the event of a fire.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," helps people better understand the reasons smoke alarms may sound, and provides the know-how to effectively address them. The campaign also addresses special considerations for the deaf and hard of hearing, along with information about carbon monoxide alarms. The key messages that the "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" fire prevention week campaign is trying to get across include:

- When a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide (CO) alarm sounds, respond immediately by exiting the home as quickly as possible.
- If your alarms are equipped with a standard battery, change the battery twice a year. When you change your clocks between daylight and standard time is a good reminder to change your detector batteries
- Many newer alarms are equipped with a non-replaceable lithium ion battery. If your alarm begins to chirp, it may mean that the internal battery is more than 10 years old, it is time to replace the alarm.
- Test all smoke and CO alarms monthly. Press the test button to make sure the alarm is working.
- If there is someone in your household who is deaf or hard of hearing, install bed shaker and strobe light alarms that will alert that person to fire.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2021, and this year's theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," along with a wealth of additional information, visit fpw.org or contact the fire department.



Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.

firepreventionweek.org

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