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NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19, Council meetings are now being held both in person and online through Zoom meetings. Watch the Town website for information in to join the meeting.

Any matters to be discussed at the Council meetings must be submitted to the Town Office on the Thursday prior to the meeting to be added onto the agenda.

BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS

For the safety of pedestrians walking on the sidewalks, please abide by the Traffic Bylaw 2015-11 which states, that anyone older than 10 years of age is **NOT PERMITTED** to ride their bicycle on sidewalks. Please follow the law and use the public roadway.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

If you would like to be a voice for The Town of Shellbrook and contribute to making our community a better place to grow, there is currently a vacant position on Town Council. The call for nominations will be begin on August 5, 2021.

CEMETERY

To keep the cemetery grounds tidy, our staff will be doing monthly clean up of debris on cemetery grounds.

We ask that by the last Friday of each month, that if you have any mementos, flowers, wreaths, etc. left for your loved ones on the cemetery grounds, that you please have it removed.

This is to allow our staff to maintain the grounds. Anything that is not removed, will be removed in the clean up process and put into the lost and found at the Cemetery on the East side of the red shed.

CALLING THE RCMP

We are receiving an increased number of complaints that should be reported to the RCMP. Some of these complaints include; noise complaints including loud parties, assault, speeding and other traffic violations.

It is recommended that you continue to call the RCMP for these calls, so they are recorded and the need for more **police presence within our community is known**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

Are you interested in potentially obtaining employment with the Town of Shellbrook? Visit www.townofshellbrook.ca to view any current job postings.

GARAGE SALES

Please refrain from posting garage sale advertisements in the planters along Main Street, all signs will be removed. These planters are self watering and substantial damages can be caused by the stakes used on the signs.

GARDEN REFUSE COLLECTION AND LANDFILL

Garden refuse must bagged in brown recyclable bags and branches are to be bundled in 4' lengths at max. 6" diameter.

The landfill is open every third Saturday of each month from 12-4pm. Only garden refuse, leaves, branches, and clean wood are accepted.

LODGING OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS

To lodge an official complaint, this must be submitted in writing and signed by the complainant. Photo evidence is also required to accompany the complaint. This includes unsightly properties, pets at large, or wildlife on your property.

Complaints may be submitted using the fillable form on the Town website, via email or a paper copy sent to the Town Office.

PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the pet owner's responsibility to ensure that their pets are kept within their property and not running at large. Stiff penalties exist for wandering cats and dogs. Animal waste must be removed from any public area or roadway immediately.

All cats and dogs are required to have an annual license.

PHONE TREE - REGISTER

The Phone Tree is the system the Town utilizes to notify Shellbrook residents of Town matters. Notifications can be received via phone call, text message or email.

Register by August 31, 2021 and you will be entered to <u>WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD</u> for a local business in Shellbrook.
Call (306) 747-4900 or email <u>townoffice@townofshellbrook.ca</u> to register.

QUADS AND DIRTBIKES

Friendly reminder that quads and dirt bikes are only permitted to take the quickest route out of Town.

They are not permitted transportation within Town limits. Please abide by this or we will be left with no option but to ban them completely within Town limits.

SEWER BACKUPS

If you have a sewer problem, please call the Town Office, or the emergency number at (306) 747-3510 before you call a plumber.

The Town staff can determine if the issue is on your property or the Town's, and it may avoid unnecessary costs to you, the homeowner.

DO NOT dump grease down your drain, this causes backups.

SHUT-OFF VALVES

Repairing your inside shut-off valve can save you money. Currently, if you have issues with your valve inside the house, our cost to shut off water at the curb is \$250.00 from November 1 through to May 31, and \$150.00 from June 1 through to October 31 with the possibility of a call out charge.

Public Works will provide this service <u>FREE</u> of charge, if you take the initiative to replace your valve Monday through Thursday, between June 1 to October 31. Appointments can be made by calling the office.

The Public Works staff will not be entering any homes. If your line requires freezing, a plumber will have to do that for you.

VEHICLE PARKING ON SIDEWALKS

When parking vehicles, please be mindful of others and refrain from parking across the sidewalks. Doing this impedes pedestrian traffic, causing them to have to use public roadways instead.

WATER METER APPOINTMENTS

The Town is in the process of arranging appointments for water meter replacements. If you have received a notice by mail, a door knocker, or a phone call about the replacement program, please call the Town Office to arrange an appointment.

The program is for <u>FREE</u> replacement of your water meter, to help ensure accurate billing. In most cases, the technician can complete the work within an hour.

If you have received a reminder notice, this means the technician is working in your area and you have two weeks to schedule an appointment for installation.