

TOWN OF BIGGAR

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LANDFILL HOURS CHANGE:

On Monday, October 1st, 2007 the landfill hours will be changing to winter hours. Those hours will be:

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

These hours will be in effect until April 15th, 2008. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LOADS GOING TO THE LANDFILL MUST BE SECURED OR TARPED TO KEEP DEBRIS FROM FALLING OFF AND LITTERING THE ROADWAYS AND DITCHES.**

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU STOP AT THE GATE OF THE LANDFILL AND REPORT TO THE SUPERVISOR ON DUTY. SHE WILL ADVISE YOU WHERE TO EMPTY YOUR GARBAGE – BE IT THE GENERAL GARBAGE PIT, CARDBOARD TRAILER, WOOD PILE, COMPOST PILE OR METAL AREA. FAILURE TO REPORT TO THE SUPERVISOR OR NOT SEPARATING YOUR REFUSE PROPERLY MAY RESULT IN YOUR LANDFILL PRIVILEGES BEING SUSPENDED.

CARDBOARD IS NOT TO BE PLACED IN THE GENERAL GARBAGE PIT. THERE IS A TRAILER LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE GENERAL PIT FOR CARDBOARD RECYCLING.

COMPOSTING:

The Town will continue picking up garden compost and grass clippings in the rear lane behind your property as long as the weather holds. The public can still take their composting and grass clippings to the landfill to be placed in the composting area.

TOWN OF BIGGAR ALDERMAN BY- ELECTION:

Election day is set for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 **if necessary** to fill the position of Alderman on the Town of Biggar Council due to the recent resignation of Alderman Pat Grondin. Nomination Day is September 26th, 2007 and nomination forms are available at the Town Office. **In order to vote you must meet the following requirements as of election day:**

1. You must be a Canadian Citizen – 18 years of age or older and;
2. You must have resided in the Town of Biggar for at least 3 months or have been the owner of property situated in the Town of Biggar for at least 3 months and;
3. You must have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 6 months.

JUBILEE STADIUM:

The Biggar Recreation Department employees are busy getting Jubilee Stadium ready for the upcoming 2007-08 winter season. Please contact the Recreation Director at the Town Office at 948-3317 for booking of ice times or special events at Jubilee Stadium. The tentative date for the opening of the rink is October 15, 2007.

KIDSPORT OUTDOOR RINK:

The KidSport™ outdoor rink is now located at the end of 3rd Avenue West near Nor-West Apartments. This rink will be open to the public. Please treat this facility with respect. A lot of volunteer hours have gone into making the rink. If you see someone vandalising this facility in any way, please contact the RCMP, Judi Foster or Erin Poitras, Recreation Director.

PEDESTRIAN AND SCHOOL CROSSWALKS:

With school now in for the new school year, the Town would like to remind you of the Town's Traffic Bylaw and in particular Section 17 which deals with Pedestrian and School Crosswalks. Fines for failing to abide by this section of the Bylaw start at \$65.00 and will be strictly enforced by the local RCMP. Section 17 states:

- (1) Every person operating a vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to any pedestrians who are crossing the public highway at any intersection or marked crosswalk.
- (2) No person operating a vehicle shall overtake or pass a vehicle at a pedestrian crosswalk or when within thirty metres (30m) of a pedestrian crosswalk.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM:

The Town would like to express its thanks to the members of the Biggar Communities in Bloom Committee for their work in beautifying the Town with all the flower baskets and planters. A BIG thank you to the members of the Town Sign Committee for their work in maintaining the Town Sign located at the intersection of Highway 14 and Main Street. This area is meticulously maintained by the members of the committee and provides an excellent welcome to our community.

2007 TAX PAYMENTS:

To date 2% penalty has been added to all unpaid current taxes as of September 1, 2007. A further 1% is added on the beginning of each month this and a further 5% is added on January 1, 2008.

WATER AND SEWER CHANGEOVERS/DISCONNECTIONS:

Please be advised that anyone who is moving from one residence to another is required to contact the Town Office prior to moving to make arrangements for the continuation of their water and sewer account from their old address to their new address or to have the water and sewer service discontinued. Failure to do so will result in the account holder being billed longer than they would have to be. The Town requires three days notice prior to any changes that the person may require.

A water meter deposit is required prior to any CONNECTION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE for new tenants and it is imperative that this deposit be paid prior to the connection of this service. This deposit is transferable to a new address for the same person and is refundable off the account holder's final bill. If you are a landlord and know that your tenant is moving, please contact the Town Office as well to ensure that the service is discontinued in the renter's name and either placed in your name, a new tenant's name or if you wish for the service to be disconnected.

For further information on any of the above, please contact the Town Office at 948-3317 or email the Town at townoffice@townofbiggar.com

