

September Newsletter

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Water Outage

There will be having a planned water shut off in the Village of Canwood on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 at approximately 2:00 p.m. This is required to repair three of the valves on our water mains. The water will be shut off until early evening. If the repairs take longer than anticipated, the water may be off until early morning of Wednesday, September 15, 2014. There may be intermittent water service during this time (in between fixing each valve), however that will only be temporary so please plan accordingly. This shut off will affect the entire Village of Canwood.

As this will cause a system depressurization, a boil water advisory will be issued at this time. It will remain in effect until the order can be lifted, which may not be until the following Monday, September 22, 2014.

Hydrant Flushing

Please be advised that at some point in the next two months, the Village may be doing some hydrant flushing. This may cause your water to appear dirty or muddy. This is just a temporary issue as the flushing stirs up sediments in the water pipes. Run your taps to clear your lines in your house.

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Water & Sewer Rate Increases

As mentioned in the April, 2014 newsletter, Water & Sewer Rates will be increasing as of September 1, 2014 (will be reflected on the November 1 billing). The rates for residential properties from September 1 to December 31, 2014 will be \$60.00 per month (\$25.00 Water, \$25.00 Sewer, \$10.00 Infrastructure Service Charge). As of January 1, 2014 the residential property rate will be \$65.00 per month (\$27.50 Water, \$27.50 Sewer, \$10.00 Infrastructure Service Charge). If you have any further questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

School Zone

Just a reminder to all residents that School is now back in session. Please remember to slow down and obey all school zone signs!



Building Permits and You

Just a reminder to all residents and property owners, you are required to obtain a building permit for any construction on your property. If you have started construction without the permit, a "Stop Work" Order may be issued. Building permits are available at the Village Office or on our website at canwood.ca.

What is a Building Permit?

A Building Permit is a licence which grants legal permission to start construction of a building. Permits allow the enforcement of codes, standards and bylaws which have been adopted by the local or provincial governing body. The enforcement of the building code, standards and bylaws is carried out to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The governing body which enforces the code is acting to assure safe construction.

Why a Building Permit?

A Building Permit provides the means for building officials to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and is therefore ensuring public health, safety and welfare. A Building Permit helps the public understand what the local or provincial laws are in relation to the construction of a building. Before any construction or any remodelling work begins applications for a permit should be made. The building permit provides the means for the building official to inspect construction, ensure minimum standards are met and appropriate materials are used.

CAFT Pre-Authorized Payments

Worried about forgetting to pay your water bill? Want to set up paying your taxes in monthly installments? The Village of Canwood is now able to offer pre-authorized payments for utility bills and taxes!

If you are interested in this, please come see Lisa at the Village Office and bring a void cheque.

2014 Summer Youth Program

Written By Jordan Sipes, SYP Co-ordinator

The 2014 Canwood Summer Youth Program had a very successful and fun-filled summer! With over forty kids ages 5 to 13 registered we were able to enjoy many different field trips and seven different themes weeks!

Some of our weekly themes included: Wet N' Wild Week, Outdoor Adventure Week, Spirit Week, and Holiday Week. We had the opportunity to go on many field trips this summer. We went to the Canwood Whispering Pines Place Nursing Home three times, entertaining the residents with fashion shows, songs, water games, and crafts! We spent an afternoon at the Canwood Mini Golf and the Canwood Bowling Alley as well as a full day at the Shell-Lake Mini-Golf. In July we went to the Shellbrook Swimming Pool and had a wiener roast along with an afternoon of swimming. In August for Outdoor Adventure Week we had another wiener roast and spent the afternoon playing ball at the Canwood Regional Park. To end the SYP we had an amazing opportunity to go to the Debden Sheep Farm owned by Liesl Lockhart. The kids had a great time feeding the lambs, playing with the chickens, and going for pony rides!

I'd like to give a special thanks to everybody who made the SYP possible this summer! I'd like to thank all of our sponsors: Student Summer Works, Community Initiative Fund, Canada Summer Jobs, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority, Community School Council, R.M of Canwood, Village of Canwood, and Affinity Credit Union. Special thanks also go out to the Canwood Co-op, Whispering Pines Place, and the Sheep Farm for supplying the kids with some tasty treats! Lastly I'd like to thank all the volunteer drivers, the trips would not be possible without all you guys. We hope the kids had a great time and hope to see them all back next summer!



