

TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE NEWS

Summer 2016

“CHURCHBRIDGE -- Proud Past Exciting Future”

Check out www.churchbridge.com for up-to-date information on our community.



General Information and Upcoming Events

Council Meetings

Following the 2016 Public Meeting held this past March, Council passed a motion to reduce the number of regular Council meetings held throughout the year.

Instead of the second and fourth Mondays of each month, the meeting schedule is the following:

- January to April - 2nd and 4th Mondays
- May to August - 3rd Monday
- September - 2nd and 4th Mondays
- October to December - 3rd Monday

For the remainder of the year, meetings have been scheduled for Aug. 15, Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

Presentations from individuals and groups to Council at regular meetings are welcome, but a request to present must be made a week before the meeting. “Request to Present” forms are available at the Town Office or on the Town website under the Town Office tab, and then Policy tab.

Please note, the Town Office will be closed Aug. 11 & 12.

Complaints

A reminder to residents that all Town-related complaints and issues must be brought to the Town Office to be addressed. It is very difficult to determine if there are concerns affecting numerous residents, therefore requiring more immediate action, if the messages aren't being run through the same channel. Please contact the Town Office with complaints - not the mayor, councilors, the foreman or maintenance staff.

Phone Contact Information

As more and more people move away from landlines and now only use mobile devices, Town staff are finding it harder and harder to find a way to contact residents in the case of an emergency.

We ask that Churchbridge residents who are not listed in the phone book please contact the Town Office with your cell phone number(s). Rest assured, you will be contacted only in the case of an emergency, such as a water line break or other Town-related issue. You can email your phone number to churchbridge@sasktel.net or chbgcap@sasktel.net.

Fall Clean-up Days

Town staff will collect garden/yard waste materials from residences later this fall. We have compostable bags, perfect for this type of yard clean-up, available to residents at the Town Office. Each household is entitled to 10 free bags and additional bags can be purchased for \$5 for 10 bags. Please have items for pick-up placed in boxes or cans (no plastic garbage or plastic grocery/store bags) in your front yard.

Fall pick-up dates are Wednesday, Sept. 14; Wednesday, Sept. 28; and Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Churchbridge Aquatic Centre (CAC)

Our Aquatic Centre has been in full operation since the first week of June and already two sessions of swimming lessons have come and gone. There are two sessions remaining, one that began July 18 and the other starts August 8 - spots are still available in all levels for the August session. A second Parent & Tot session is also coming up in August. Contact the pool, 306-896-2491 for more information.

Based on the Patron Survey, conducted near the end of the 2015 season, we have made a couple significant changes to the schedule. Most noteworthy is the addition of early-morning lane swims on lesson weeks. These early swims (7-8 a.m.) will remain in place for the week of July 18-22, and depending on popularity, will continue during the August lesson week (Aug. 8-12) as well.

Also a reminder that Seniors' and Special Needs' swims are held two times each week throughout July and August.

Please note that it is impossible to accommodate all families with ideal back-to-back lesson times for their children or to please everyone when it comes to the perfect lane swim or public swim time, but the pool staff will certainly take your suggestions.

And finally, because our Aquatic Centre staff is comprised of high school and university students, the pool is scheduled to close for the season on Aug. 28. This allows staff a couple days to complete end-of-season shut-down duties before they have to leave and/or start school.

Full pool schedules are available at the Pool, the Town Office or can be found at www.churchbridge.com.

Enjoy the rest of Summer 2016!

CONSIDER RUNNING FOR TOWN COUNCIL

The following information was taken from the Government of Saskatchewan's website. A link to additional information can be found on the Town website's home page under "Quick Links", Municipal Election Information.

For governments to be representative of, and responsive to, the needs of their constituents, their make-up should reflect the demographics of the constituency.

As an elected official, you will:

- bring the perspectives of your demographic to the decision-making table,
- influence changes that benefit your community and ensure its sustainability,
- put forward new ideas for debate and possible implementation and change,
- make a positive difference in the quality of life in your community,
- provide a voice for your community with other levels of government,
- be part of a team that makes decisions that affect all aspects of community life.

Qualifications

It's not crucial to have education or experience in a government setting to run as a candidate. You likely have skills, knowledge and abilities that are transferable to the elected official's role.

You may want to undertake a self-assessment of your skills prior to running for elected office.

Think about your:

- volunteer experience
- community involvement
- work experience
- membership in different organizations
- family life

Often your experiences have taught you how to:

- work as part of a team
- organize and prioritize
- make decisions

- debate
- lead

The Local Government Election Act, 2015 (LGEA) provides the requirements for candidates in municipal elections.

In the case of town, village and city elections, a person is qualified if:

- on the day of election is 18 years of age;
- at the time of submission of the nomination paper, is a Canadian citizen;
- has resided in the municipality for at least three months and in Saskatchewan for at least six months.

Municipal Elections will be held on Oct. 26, 2016.

*A call for nominations will commence on **Sept. 6**, with nominations closing at 4 p.m. on **Sept. 21**.*

Nomination papers are available at the Town Office.

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SaskAlert App and Website

One of the most predictable things about Saskatchewan is just how unpredictable our weather can be any time of year.

SaskAlert was recently launched to communicate not only threatening weather situations to residents and visitors, but it is also an effective way of providing immediate messaging for all emergencies, including:

- Declaration of local emergencies
- Evacuations
- Boil water advisories
- Train derailments

On the main page of Town website (close to the bottom and below the image of the funnel clouds) you will find instructions to download the SaskAlert app to your mobile device. With this app, you can receive instant alerts for not only Churchbridge and area, but areas that you are traveling to or through.

By clicking on the "Get real-time information on emergencies" image, you will be forwarded directly to the SaskAlert website where you can find up-to-date information on alerts affecting or province.

Community Events Schedule

visit www.churchbridge.com, Events Calendar for more information and times

- July 18-22 - Swimming Lesson Session 3
- July 26 - "Wild About Bees" - Library
- July 29 - Midnight Swim (Grade 8 & older)
- July 30 - Kevin Kaminski Charity Golf Classic
- Aug 6 - Golf For the Cure tournament
- Aug 8-12 - Swimming Lesson Session 4
- Aug. 15-19 - Vacation Bible School - Trinity Lutheran
- Aug. 15-19 - Parent-Tot Swimming Lessons
- Aug. 15 - Town Council Meeting
- Aug. 28 - Aquatic Centre last day for season
- Sept. 1 - Classes resume at CPS
- Sept. 6 - Municipal government nominations open
- Sept. 12 - Town Council Meeting
- Sept. 21 - Municipal government nominations close
- Sept. 26 - Town Council Meeting
- Oct. 26 - Municipal Election Day

What to watch for:

- CPS Welcome back BBQ (early-mid September)
- CPS Ag in the Classroom Harvest Day (mid September)
- Warriors Football game at CPS - mid-late September
- Canada 150 Celebration planning meeting (Sept-Oct)