

TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE NEWS

Winter 2016

“CHURCHBRIDGE -- Proud Past Exciting Future”

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



General Information and Upcoming Events

Snow Removal Protocol

Following questions from residents about snow removal in Town, please find below the protocol that will be adhered to this winter. Please note, this protocol is subject to change at the discretion of Staff.

1. Emergency vehicle driveways;
2. Town streets;
3. Parking Lots – business and Town-owned, but only if there are no vehicles present;
4. Back Lanes – but only those with commercial garbage pick-up.

The Town owns one grader plus a smaller snow blower for doing sidewalks in commercial areas, so it does take time to clear snow throughout the entire town, and your patience is appreciated. The grader has a wing which, when lowered, should reduce the amount of snow left on driveway approaches, but it will not eliminate a snow ridge or windrow. Unless this windrow is quite significant, please take a moment to shovel the end of your driveway. The City of Yorkton, for example, will return to clear the windrow from a private driveway only if the windrow is more than a height of 300 millimetres (or 12 inches) at the lowest point, otherwise it is the property owner's responsibility.

Notices for major snow clearing will be posted on the Town website and Town Facebook page. To ensure safe and thorough snow removal, please remove vehicles from the street when these notices are issued.

Council would also like to ask residents to advise Town Staff if you notice children creating tunnels in snowbanks along streets. We want to mark these snowbanks to ensure a child isn't hurt or buried by snow removal equipment. Parents, please also remind your children to stay clear of graders, trucks and loaders while crews are working. From the Town of Churchbridge Policy Manual

4.4.1.21 Winter Maintenance

- Snow removal is to begin immediately following a snow storm or heavy snow fall but no later than 5 a.m. the next morning. Snow removal priorities to be determined by staff dependent on time of snow. Emergency driveways are first priority.
- Ice conditions on streets and sidewalks should be treated immediately.
- Slippery intersections are to be sanded the first day following snow removal and whenever necessary.

2016 Licenses - Dogs, Cats and Businesses

With the new year comes the time to purchase or renew your 2016 dog, cat and business licenses. Licenses not purchased by Jan. 31 of each year are considered overdue.

Dog Licensing

Fees for dog licenses remain the same as for 2015 - \$10 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$25 if it is not fixed. Dogs must be up-to-date on all rabies vaccinations and must not run at large (Bylaw 2015-005 - Animal Control Bylaw).

Cat Licensing

In October 2015, Council passed Bylaw 2015-012 - A Cat Control Bylaw which requires cats to be licensed. Like dogs, cats must have current vaccinations and cannot be a nuisance or run at large. Licensing fees are \$10 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$25 if it is not.

Pet owners are encouraged to review both bylaws for more information - www.churchbridge.com, then the Town Office tab, then the Bylaws tab.

Business Licensing

All businesses not paying commercial property tax must purchase a business license each year. This applies to home-based operations, door-to-door salespersons and contractors.

A full listing of businesses licensed in Churchbridge and business contact information can be found on the town website (www.churchbridge.com, then the Business tab, then the Directory tab). Business owners that have not renewed their license by Feb. 15 will have their business information removed from the directory.

Public Meeting & Elections

Town Staff is in the process of preparing for a Public Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Centre, and all residents are encouraged to attend.

This will be the second general information meeting held by the current sitting Council. The first was held last March and was very well received by those in attendance.

2016 is also election year for Saskatchewan urban municipalities. Nominations for four-year terms for mayor and councilors will open in early-to-mid September and close Sept. 21. Election day is Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016.

General Information and Upcoming Events, continued

Curbside Recycling

Ottenbreit Sanitation Services (OSS), the Town of Churchbridge's contracted curbside garbage and recycling collection service has issued an updated list of acceptable and not accepted items for recycling.

Please take a moment to view the new list to ensure the items that you are putting into your blue cart are in fact recyclable. Paper copies of the recyclable materials list are available at the Town Office or online at www.churchbridge.com (scroll down on the right side column on the main page).

Also a reminder that OSS carts must be removed from the curbside within 24 hours of garbage/recycle pick up.

Tax Notices

2015 property taxes are now past due. Those who have not paid can anticipate a letter regarding the application of interest charges on unpaid balances.

Once Council has set its budget for 2016, tax notices for this year will be sent out to businesses and homeowners. 2016 notices will likely be issued in late April and will be due on Dec. 31, 2016.

Summer Employment Opportunities

In the coming weeks, the Town of Churchbridge will be putting out a call for student applicants looking for summer employment.

Resumes will be accepted for public works staff (involving work such as grass cutting, painting, general maintenance) and for swimming pool staff (managers, lifeguards, instructors).

Please check the Town website and Facebook pages in February-March for more information and application deadlines.

Churchbridge Forever In Motion

The Town of Churchbridge is proud to support the Churchbridge Forever In Motion walking program, held weekday mornings, starting at 9 a.m., in the Community Centre.

The program has been growing in participation numbers for nearly two years and it all started when a couple of people asked to use the hall as a safe, slip-free and warm area for morning walks. Through some promotion and mostly by word-of-mouth, the drop-in program now has approximately 15-20 regular participants who not only walk, but many also take part in light stretching and strengthening exercises.

There is no fee to participate in the program, but please bring an indoor pair of shoes.

Community Events Schedule

(visit www.churchbridge.com for more information and times)

- Jan. 18-22 - Farmers Mixed Curling Bonspiel
- Jan. 20 - Historical Society Annual Meeting - Library
- Jan. 20 - Imperials Minor Hockey Game - Bantam
- Jan. 23, 24 - Imperials Minor Hockey Tournament - Atom
- Jan. 25 - Town Council Meeting
- Jan. 28 - Imperials Minor Hockey Game - Midget
- Jan. 30 - Imperials Minor Hockey Game - Pre-Novice
- Jan. 31 - Imperials Minor Hockey Game - Novice
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- Feb. 1-6 - Men's Curling Bonspiel
- Feb. 2 - Imperials Minor Hockey Game - Midget
- Feb. 3 - Imperials Minor Hockey Game - Bantam
- Feb. 6 - Imperials Minor Hockey Tournament - Pre-novice
- Feb. 8 - Town Council Meeting
- Feb. 11-13 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
- Feb. 22 - Town Council Meeting
- March 5 - Imperials Minor Hockey Tournament – Novice
- March 6 - CanSkate Achievement Day

What to look forward to:

- April – Churchbridge Players Drama
- April – Mosaic In-House Mine Rescue Competition
- April – Lions' Men's Night Hockey Draft
- May – Lioness' Ladies' Night
- May – CPS Drama Production
- May – Swimming Lesson Registration
- June – June Daze
- June 30 – CPS 2016 Graduation

Town of Churchbridge Vision and Mission:

"Churchbridge is a prosperous, growing community that is self-reliant, innovative and forward thinking."

To achieve this vision, we see our basic foundation as:

"Churchbridge is a welcoming and inclusive community which is centrally located whether it's for work or play. It prides itself in having an excellent school system and being community focused."