



TOWN OF CHURCHBRIDGE

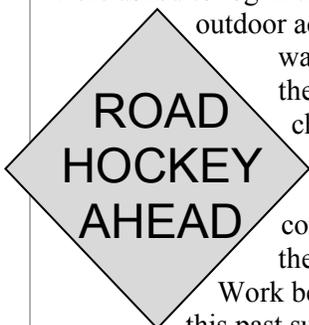
Winter 2017

"Churchbridge - Proud past, exciting future"



Go Out & Play Challenge Returns

Churchbridge has again been entered in Saskatchewan In Motion's Go Out & Play Challenge sponsored by Saskatchewan Blue Cross. This is the same challenge as last year where residents and friends of Churchbridge were asked to log in their daily minutes of outdoor activity. Churchbridge was top in the province at the end of the 2016 challenge, logging in 395,813 minutes over 10 days, which won our community \$10,000 for the new Sport Court.



Work began on the Sport Court this past summer with ground levelling and the laying of asphalt.

This year's Go Out & Play Challenge will again be held March 1-10 and our community has been entered by the Sport Court Committee. Residents will again be asked to register and log in their daily minutes of activity throughout those days. In the days before March 1, please sign-up at www.saskatchewaninmotion.ca or visit the Town website for more information.

The Sport Court Committee will be hosting a 4-on-4 Road Hockey Tournament on March 4 to coincide with the Challenge. The tournament has two age categories (ages 8-14 and ages 15-and-up). The tournament festivities will also include a bar, chicken wings, prizes and an auction.

Entry for the tournament is \$40 per team for the 8-14 category, and \$80 per team for the 15 and over category. Individuals are welcome to register - organizers will ensure everyone plays! To register please email churchbridgesportcourt@gmail.com.

And finally several community members have come together to distribute a Saskatchewan in Motion survey. The local group is working to find active and healthy opportunities for all residents in and around Churchbridge. The survey is intended to give everyone in our area the chance to share their opinions on what is working and where we could improve.

Please visit churchbridge.com and scroll down for a link to the survey. The deadline to participate is Feb. 1, 2017.

Honouring Our Volunteers of the Year

There is so much good that comes through volunteering and our community is truly fortunate to have so many people dedicated to making things happen. At the Community Christmas Dinner in late November, some of those individuals were recognized as the Churchbridge Rec Board announced the Volunteers of the Year.

- Youth Volunteers of the Year - Jake Basken, Ciara Knox, Hannah Putland
- Recreation Volunteer of the Year - Debbie Basken
- Seniors Volunteer of the Year - Bunny and Ron Daum
- Sport Volunteer of the Year - Sheldon Morash
- Culture Volunteer of the Year - Rita Swanson
- Schumacher Award (contribution to Minor Sports) - the late Gordon Rathgeber

Without volunteers, Churchbridge would look nothing like the community it is today. If you are among the many who already give of your time and talent, thank you. And if not, there is a curling rink, cemetery committee, library board, Lions club, ball team (to name a few) waiting for you!

Congratulations to the 2016 Volunteers of the Year.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

All meeting start at 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 13
Monday, Feb. 27
Monday, March 13
Monday, March 27
Monday, April 10
Monday, April 24

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(please note this has been changed from the previous re-directed address)

General Information and Upcoming Events

Utility bill increase coming in April

To stay in line with both the cost of service and the cost of repairs to infrastructure, in 2015 Council passed a motion for yearly increases to Town utilities (water, sewer) for three consecutive years.

In April 2017, the base amount, which allows for up to 8,000 gallons of water used, will increase from \$93.66 per quarter to \$98.66 per quarter. Sewer (calculated based on half the water consumed) will increase from a base of \$46.84 per quarter to \$49.34 per quarter. Council has not made a change to the recycling and infrastructure fees, which are \$5 and \$35 per quarter respectively.

Those who pay the base amount will see their bills go from \$180.49 per quarter to \$188.00 per quarter, for an increase of about \$0.09 per day.

2017 Licenses - Dogs, Cats, Businesses

It time to renew your dog, cat and business licenses for 2017. Licenses not renewed by Jan. 31 of each year are considered overdue. For more information bylaws pertaining to each of these can be found on the Town website by clicking on [Town Office](#), and then [Bylaws](#).

Dog Licensing

Fees for dog licenses have not changed for 2017 - \$10 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$25 if your animal is not fixed. Dogs must be up-to-date on all rabies vaccinations and must not run at large.

Cat Licensing

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.

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 contact information can be found on the town website, [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.

Community Events Schedule

Visit churchbridge.com, [Events Calendar](#) for more information.

- Jan. 26 - Canada 150 planning meeting - Community Centre - 7 p.m.
- Jan. 30-Feb. 4 - Men's Bonspiel - Curling Club
- Feb 15-18 - Ladies' Bonspiel
- Feb. 17 & 18 - Old Imperials Tournament
- Feb. 18 - Seedy Saturday (garden seed trade) - Library - 12:30-3 p.m.
- Feb. 25 - Novice Imperials Hockey Tournament
- March 1-10 - Go Out & Play Challenge
- March 4 - 4-on-4 Road Hockey Tournament - Arena
- March 5 - CanSkate Carnival
- March 13-14 - Potashville Music Festival (bands) - CPS
- March 16 - Potashville Music Festival (voice, verse) - Community Centre
- March 20-21 - Potashville Music Festival (piano) - Community Centre
- March 26 - Potashville Music Festival Final Concert & Awards
- Community Centre
- April 6-8 - Churchbridge Players production *You Have the Right to Remain Dead (comedy-murder)*
- May 6 - Lioness Ladies' Night

What to watch for:

- Leaps & Bounds Dance Studio recital - April
- Lions' Men's Night - April
- CPS Drama Production - May
- Canada 150 - Churchbridge Celebrates - July 13-16

Options for Improving Town Water

Following a report completed by the consulting engineering firm of Catterall & Wright, Council is looking at all the options to improve the Town's water.

It is important to note that the quality of our water has not changed over the years, only the provincial regulations have changed. Because of these regulation changes, the ammonia level has been flagged as an issue.

Catterall & Wright has concluded that a reverse osmosis system would be the best option for dealing with the ammonia, but again, Council is consider all options, and before any final decision is made, Council will be seeking input from the public.

Summer Students

Over the coming weeks, the Town will be putting out a call for applications to students for summer employment in our public works department and for lifeguards and instructors at the Aquatic Centre.

Please watch for advertisements and postings to the Town website for more information.

TIP call line is for more than Turning in Poachers

The TIP line is commonly known in Saskatchewan as a number to call for turning in illegal or unsafe hunters, but it is also a call line to report environmental violators.

1-800-667-7561 or Sasktel cell #5555 can also be called to report the illegal dumping of garbage or tires or the dumping of toxic materials. Anyone is eligible to report and all calls and submissions are confidential. Those who provide information leading to a conviction could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.