

VILLAGE OF VILNA
NEWSLETTER
May 2013

*You can get everything in life you want if you will
just help enough other people get what they want.*
Zig Ziglar

Emergency Preparedness – A meeting on this topic to be held on Monday May 6th at 7pm at the Village office. Everyone is welcome. Come and make sure you and your family are prepared for an emergency!!

Volunteers – Did you know that without the many dedicated volunteers, many organizations and events would not be in Vilna? We have many devoted volunteers without whom we would not have:

Vilna & Dist. Ag Society - who ensure that we have Boomtown Days Fair, Gardener's Day, Cowboy Fest, Women's Conference, Community Suppers, an Arena with hockey and curling ice, a place for the Library, weddings, family functions, funerals and much more.....

Friends of the Vilna Pool Hall Society - who have successfully operated the Visitor Information Centre for Vilna, have funded upgrades to Stry School (to eventually become a Museum and Visitor Information Centre), are rebuilding the historical residential portion of the Pool Hall, and much more.....

Seniors Drop-In Centre – who organize daily activities for the seniors of our area, day trips, recreational events, community events, bingos, pot-lucks, and more.....

The Parent Advisory Council - who organize fundraising activities for crucial items such as the playground at the school, organize recreational activities for youth, vital programs for our youth, and much more.....

The Library Board – who ensure that the funding and regulatory items are met to ensure that literacy and internet access are available to all from our community. The Library also has taken over the administration of the FCSS programming for Vilna.

The Vilna Veselka Dance Committee – who ensure that the Ukrainian cultural dance survives generations and that we appreciate and are entertained by it.

Vilna COPS (Citizens on Patrol) – who patrol our streets, alleys and highways and ensure that our homes and businesses are safe - in Vilna and all around the district.

The Smoky Lake Learning Council – who ensure that our area is provided with an excellent and broad opportunity to learn things like dance, crafting, self-improvement, cooking and more.....

Chamber of Commerce – who produce the monthly events calendar and business directory and whose function it is to support local business.....

And then there are the *everyday volunteers* who just do because.... they want a cleaner street, a better life, more friends, prettier gardens, a better community. They help their neighbors shovel their walks; bring meals when they are sick, mow their lawn if they are unable. They treat strangers as family.

These are the people of Vilna and surrounding district!!!
THANK YOU!!!!!!

Garbage Pick-up - For the past few weeks, public works and administration have been meeting with the contractor for the regional water line as they bring their construction into town. For this reason, garbage pick-up has been Thursday or Friday the last while. Please be patient, and remember to contain your garbage in bags, and put the bags in cans then an enclosure to ensure that birds, cats and dogs are unable to get into it.

Water Treatment Plant/Highway 28&63
Water Commission

The water line from Edmonton is now in place in the Village at the input area to the plant. There is a number of weeks work yet to be done to connect the line and then flush and test from Smoky Lake. The construction crews who are drilling will be gone from the area very soon, with only clean up and reparation remaining after that. It may take a while, likely November, to have the water into the lines to Vilna.

A new billing structure for water is planned for that time.

Vilna Transfer Station (Dump)

Carmen is working hard to get the Transfer Station cleaned up from winter. She requested that the following be sent out in this newsletter:

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

In order to make the Vilna Transfer Station a more efficient operation, your co-operation in the following changes is requested:

Flatten (break-down) Cardboard

Small appliances (coffee makers, toasters, stereos) go in the metal pile.

Please *empty any oil filters* you are bringing in.

AS ALWAYS, WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

Mattresses or Furniture

Wood that is painted, varnished or treated.

Carpet and underlay

Plywood/OSB

Drywall and Insulation
Shingles
Construction Debris
Animal carcasses/Manure

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Bonnie Lake Campground

The tendering of the contract maintenance and operation of the campground is completed and awarded. Please welcome Allan if you happen to be staying out there. Reservations can be made through him at 780-812-5688.

Financial Audit

The 2012 Financial Audit is complete. Copies of the audited statements are available at the Village office. Your cooperation and understanding of the constraints we're working under is paying off. We received a favorable review from the accountant for the management of the office and finances.

Council Meetings

Attending Council meetings is the right way of finding out what is actually happening in the Village. Also, the office staff members are happy to address any questions you may have. If you wish to speak at a meeting, one week's notice is required, as well as a written outline of what you wish to speak of. Any questions you have of Council may not necessarily be answered at the meeting. In order to conduct meetings efficiently, a time limit for your presentation may be required.

Website – These newsletters, integral bylaws, minutes and some forms (for business with the office) are available online at www.vilna.ca. Please visit! We certainly welcome any suggestions you have. The Ag Society, Pool Hall Society and the Library are also linked on the Village site in the "Hubs".

Roads

The water breaks in town have caused the roads in those three areas to be troublesome. These areas will not be paved over for a while yet, but Kevin is maintaining them as much as the spring weather will allow him. Part of the issue of late has been a short supply of gravel to continue good repair. Please travel slowly over these areas.

Monthly Payment Plan

Please call the office at 780-636-3620 if you would like to set up your tax and utility payments to be automatically paid through your bank account monthly.

Spring is Springing!!

When you can't change the direction of the wind – adjust your sails .

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

If you happen to have the odd spare seedling for the Village office flower pots, they would be very much appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sundays

- *Vilna Hope Community Church Service - 10:30 am.*
- *Stry Ukr. Cath Church Mass & Grave Blessing – May 11 at 10am*
- *Seniors Drop-in Centre Bingo 7:30 pm (Plus many other activities during the week. Become a member, check it out!!) NO BINGO MAY 5th*

Mondays

- *Emergency Preparedness Meeting May 6 – Village office 7pm*
- *Regular Council Meetings, 3rd Monday each month at 7pm unless otherwise posted.*
Next meeting – May 20th at 7pm,
 - *Vilna & Dist. Ag. Society Mtg. - 2nd Monday each month.*

Tuesdays – Library 3:30 – 7:30 pm

Thursdays – Library 3:30 – 7:30 pm

- *Senior's Pot Luck Supper 3rd Thursday/month 6pm*
- *Chamber of Commerce Mtg. Last Thurs each month*

May 30, 2013 – *Mary Jane Tkachuk from the Alberta Government Department of Seniors will be speaking about Seniors Grants and Programs at the Library at 3pm*

Friday – *VESELKA UKRAINIAN DANCE CONCERT at the Cultural Centre 7:30pm May 3, 2013.*

Saturdays – Library 12:00 to 4:00 pm

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ATTENTION: As the Vilna FCSS department:
Please note that all of the staff at the Library has
been trained regarding Seniors Programs and
Services. They are available to help with whatever
questions you have. Phone: 780-636-2077