

VILLAGE OF VILNA

Newsletter

JULY, 2025



The Contractors will be back later this week to begin the construction of the new Water Reservoir.

There will be a whole bunch of underground stuff happening

before you see the actual structure being built.

FIRE ADVISORY IN EFFECT Fire Rating: LOW



We've made it through the Spring Fire Season. It doesn't mean that we don't have to be cautious about fires, but there has been sufficient rain to reduce fire threats for now.

Smoky Lake County and the Village of Vilna have downgraded the existing **Fire Restriction to a Fire Advisory effective 8:30 a.m. June 26, 2025.**

- New fire permits will be issued for essential burning only on inspection during the Fire Advisory. (Fire Permits are issued by the Vilna Fire Department).
- Fireworks permits will be issued on a case by case basis. (**Fireworks Permits are not permitted without a permit** issued by the Vilna Fire Department).
- Off-Highway Vehicles can start wildfires – check frequently to ensure hotspots are free of debris, and make sure mufflers and spark arrestors are working properly.
(FYI - *The OHV that caused the Redwater Recreation Area Fire that burned one home and farmyard and evacuated 71 residences was started by an ELECTRIC Off Highway Vehicle. Apparently, the battery cracked.*)
- Never leave a campfire unattended. Soak it, stir it and soak it again until cool to the touch to ensure it is extinguished.
- The Fire Advisory allows back yard fire pits with safe burning practices in place and screens covering all fire pits in use as per the Village policy.

- The Fire Advisory will remain in effect until conditions improve or worsen.

For further information please contact Village of Vilna @ 780-636-3620.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

- Unsightly has a very clear definition Not pleasing to look at.

Would you like to live next door to



THIS HOUSE?



AND BESIDE THIS BACK YARD



OR THIS HOUSE?



OR THIS ONE?

And when you drive into the Village, which house would look inviting enough to say "I like this town"?



This one



This one



Or this one?_

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE



ALBERTA RCMP

Provides tips to reduce yard theft and residential break-ins.

As people set out on summer vacations and more time is spent away from home, your Alberta RCMP is reminding you to secure your property to prevent yard theft and break and enters.

In 2024 there were 3,940 residential break-ins in the Alberta RCMP jurisdictions, with 367 occurring in June alone. Property and yard thefts are often crimes of opportunity. The following can help keep your property safe.

- *Lighting – inhibits intruders.*
- *Clear sightlines reduce places where criminals can hide;*
- *Gates locked will deter offenders;*
- *Windows covered and locked.*

Locks on your house as well as sheds and garages and keep valuables such as lawnmowers, BBQs and bikes out of sight.

You are encouraged to report any criminal or suspicious activity to the Police.

RCMP – EMERGENCIES – 911
Smoky Lake Detachment 780-656-3550 days

And a new phone number for NON-Emergency issues – - 310-RCMP (310-7267)



MUNICIPAL ELECTION – OCTOBER 20, 2025

2025 is the Municipal Election Year.

Nominations for the General Election for Municipal Council or the School Board Trustee positions opened on January 1st and will close at noon on September 22, 2025.

If you are interested in stepping into the political arena, check online for “A Candidates Guide: Running for Local Elected Office in Alberta.” This is an important document that explains the responsibilities of councillors, councillors on committees, working within legislation and representing the community.

Should the opportunity interest you, it's definitely recommended that you attend a few Council meetings so you can get a bit of an understanding of what is

expected of a councillor and whether this is something that would interest you.

The Village of Vilna Elected Officials Mandate says:

- To make decisions on behalf of the ratepayers and residents with respect to provisions of quality, essential municipal services, in an efficient, cost-effective manner:
- To make decisions on behalf of the ratepayers and residents with respect to taxation and user fees required to pay for the services provided.
- To provide local representation and work cooperatively with other municipalities and regions as well as other levels of government.
- To actively promote local economic development and create a community atmosphere where commercial, industrial, and residential growth can flourish.

SUMMER EVENTS

July 6th – Farmers Market – 11:00 – 3:00 at the Cultural Centre.

July 30th – Summer Council Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

July 31st – Ice Cream with a Cop – 5:00 at the Pool Hall.

August 3rd – Farmers Market 11 - 3

August 15 -16 – Boomtown Days:

Aug. 15th – Roughstock & Barrel Rodeo – at the Arena, call 780-614-8185 to register.

August 16th - Parade, Bench Show, Market Bouncy Houses, Petting Zoo, Country Fair Games, Beer Gardens, Lunch and Entertainment & more.

August 16th Boomtown Farmers Market

August 17th – Vilna Car Show – Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Main Street: - Classic and Modern vehicles, Live Music, Free BBQ

Sept. 7th – Farmers Market

October 5th – Farmers Market

Check the Village Web Page for updates and schedules – www.vilna.ca

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