



Village of Spring Lake

Winter Newsletter

Greetings to all Residents of Spring Lake!

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Council Meetings

Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise posted. If you have an item you'd like added to the Agenda, please submit it to the Village Office by noon the Wednesday before the meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Council

Jason Shewchuk, Mayor
Melanie Sera, Deputy Mayor
Adam MacCormack, Councillor
Kasey Quinn, Councillor
Chris Zaplotinsky, Councillor

Administration

Emily House,
Chief Administrative Officer
Janet Zaplotinsky,
Administrative Manager
Lynnette Kraley,
Administrative Assistant

Public Works

Randy Denby
Tony Siegal
Ken Megill

Message from your Mayor...

With 2024 only a few short weeks away, the Village of Spring Lake Council and staff would like to wish all our residents and visitors a warm and safe Christmas Season. The start of Fall and Winter has been so mild, I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy some of the local attractions here in the Village! Between Spring Lake and the surrounding areas, residents can support local and stay as busy as they wish.

This Winter, there are many upcoming events supported by various volunteer groups. The Santa Run is always a big hit in December. The Spring Lake Community League and Spring Lake Events Committee are both putting on various skating parties, crib nights, evening walks, and many more local events and activities.

The Spring Lake Community League is a new organization, created with some of our very own awesome local volunteers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Community League if you would like to support events, or let them know you would like to volunteer.

Hope to see many of you around the Village enjoying our great community.

Jason Shewchuk, Mayor

Community Sustainability Plan

The Village of Spring Lake is currently updating the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), which guides Council and Administration on initiatives that residents would like to see action on. Our ICSP has five important components to cover over the next five years: environmental, governance, cultural/recreational, social, and economic.

The information collected from the 2022 ICSP Survey and Community meeting has been studied, compiled and Council has set the priorities and initiatives for each of the five components. Administration is finalizing the report to present to Council for review. Please keep an eye out for further updates and public engagement opportunities on the Village website.

2024 Property Assessments & Taxation Notices

Property Assessment Notices will be mailed out separately from Property Tax Notices for 2024. Assessment Notices will be mailed out in February/March of 2024 with Property Tax Notices being mailed out in May 2024.

Please note that once you have received your Property Tax Notice it is too late to have your property assessment changed. Assessments cannot be adjusted after the appeal deadline, which is 60 days after the Assessment Notices are mailed to residents.

We highly recommend each resident closely examine their Property Assessment Notice and speak with the assessor regarding any details you are unfamiliar with. Should you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the Village Office.

Regular Office Hours

Mon - Wed, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Thurs - Fri, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

*** The Village Office will be closed at 4:30 PM on December 22nd and will reopen at 8:30 AM on January 2nd. We will be checking phone messages and emails during this time.**



Christmas Light Decorating Contest

The 33rd Annual Christmas Decorating Contest will be judged between December 9th and 18th. Please make sure that you have your Christmas display lit up between these dates, from 6pm to 8pm.

1st Prize \$100.00 2nd Prize \$50.00 3rd Prize \$25.00

Please watch the bulletin boards for the notice announcing the winners!

Santa is Coming!

Santa and Mrs. Claus, will be touring Spring Lake again this year!

Santa and the crew will be touring the Village, starting on Beachview Crescent on December 10th, at 4:00 pm. There is also an alternative date of December 17th if the weather doesn't cooperate on December 10th. Keep an eye out for the elves as they come by your house to announce Santa's arrival! They'll give you enough time to gather the family to meet Santa outside and get a Christmas treat!

We will also update our Facebook and Instagram page with Santa's location in the Village! They will also be accepting Food Bank donations, as always. If you will not be home, but you would like to donate, please leave your donation on your doorstep or at the bottom of your driveway so Santa and the crew know to pick it up.

Retirement News

Randy Denby, Public Works Manager, will be retiring at the end of December, moving on to spend time with his family and pursuing other interests.

The Village of Spring Lake would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Randy for his invaluable personal and professional contributions to the community, and tireless dedication to the Public Works Department. Under his stewardship, our Village has flourished over the years, and we are thankful for his commitment.

We want to send our very best wishes for a happy, healthy future and retirement to Randy. Without a doubt, Spring Lake would not be as functional or as beautiful without your added touch of love for the Village you call home.

NEW Public Works Manager

The Village of Spring Lake would like to take this opportunity to announce that we have hired Tony Siegal as Public Works Manager.

We are excited to have Tony come on board as he brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, as well as a passion for Spring Lake and all of its many charms. With his exceptional leadership skills and ingenuity, we are confident that he will serve our community with the utmost dedication and integrity.

We look forward to working with Tony and supporting him as he embarks on this new journey. Together, we will ensure that Spring Lake remains a thriving, vibrant community for generations to come. Please feel free to offer him a friendly hello when you see him in the Village!

Season's Greetings from the Spring Lake Community League!

As this is our first year of operations, we have much to be thankful for. The support from residents of Spring Lake has been wonderful and membership numbers are growing. Combined with the support from our Council, we are looking forward to hosting many events for all ages!

Please follow us on our various Social Platforms - Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date. We can be reached at springlakecommunityleague@gmail.com with any questions or membership inquiries.

On behalf of the SLCL, I hope you all have a Safe, Happy and Positive Holiday Season. Sincerely,

Rainbow Williams, President

Skating Rink – Volunteers Needed!

Temperatures into the beginning of December are not conducive to the ice-making process at Spring Lake's Skating Rink. With cooler temperatures ahead, Public Works is hoping that they can have the ice ready for Christmas break.

Once the rink is ready to go, the Village Office will inform residents on the website, social media, and notice boards. Stay tuned!

The Rink Shack will be open during office hours, Monday to Friday (except holidays) from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. If you are looking to volunteer your time with the Rink Shack, please contact the Village Office at **780.963.4211**.

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Newsletter Contributions

Environmental Advisory Committee, Events Committee Newsletter, Spring Lake Community League.

Spring Lake Enforcement Stats

The following is a summary of enforcement stats from May 2023 to November 2023.

43 Total Calls

10 traffic files

15 dog files

6 OHV files

3 fire files

2 fireworks files

2 impound files

5 "other" files

Please report any incidents that you are concerned about by phoning Parkland Enforcement Services at **780.968.8400.**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind and encourage residents to fully utilize the Enforcement Services that the Village has contracted with Parkland County.



Traffic Speed Limits

Friendly reminder that the speed limit in the Village is 30 km/hr. The only exception is that part of Range Road 20 that is posted at 50 km/hr.

Traffic Stats

Camera Placement within Spring Lake Community throughout 2023.

Lakeside Drive Westbound

Average Speed: 28.454
Top Speed: 80.80

Lakeside Drive Northbound

Average Speed: 25.94
Top Speed: 66.68

Smith Crescent Eastbound

Average Speed: 23.36
Top Speed: 81

Smith Crescent Westbound

Average Speed: 23
Top Speed: 67.5

Parking

The Village Land Use Bylaw states that each property must have an area within the property boundaries to park two vehicles.

Roadside parking is not permitted from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday, or during heavy snowfall events. Outside of those times, if roadside parking is needed, please do not impede traffic flow or block access to any other lot. Any unlicensed vehicles parked on roadways may be towed by the Village at the owner's expense.

Streetlights

You can help us out by contacting Fortis at **780.310.4300** if you notice a streetlight in the Village that has burnt out. You will need to provide them with the number on the pole and the municipal address closest to the pole.

Alberta First Call

Call before you dig:
1.800.242.3447

You must give at least two or three working days notice and have your legal land description available when you call.

Yellowhead Regional Library

The Yellowhead Regional Library operates several libraries in the Parkland area and beyond. The Village of Spring Lake is a member of the YRL and contributes to both the Stony Plain Library and Spruce Grove Library. We encourage residents to become members and enjoy the wide range of services that they provide. For additional information, please go to www.yrl.ab.ca or www.springlakealberta.com.

Prussian Carp - Found in Spring Lake

This introduced fish disrupts aquatic ecosystems and poses potential threats to native fish. Prussian carp can be confused with other fish species present in Alberta.

Key identification features of a Prussian carp:

- Plump and deep-bodied
- Terminal mouth
- Silver-gold in colour with dark shading at top
- Large scales, 29 to 33 along lateral line
- First dorsal fin ray and first anal fin ray are strongly serrated

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS FISH?



PRUSSIAN CARP ARE DESTRUCTIVELY INVASIVE. CATCH IT. KILL IT.

Fire Fighting Services & Permits

Firefighting services are provided by the County of Parkland and the Town of Stony Plain. Both Fire Departments list the Village as being 6 miles (9.65 KM) from the nearest fire hall.

Fire Permits are available at the Village Office at no charge. A Fire Permit must be obtained for all fires, not in a contained pit. Please refer to the Open Burning Bylaw for specifications regarding fire pits and types of material that are permitted to be burned.

All fires are to be within the property lines of the person the fire permit was issued. Fines can be imposed if the Fire Department feels adequate caution was not taken while burning or if they respond to a fire on your property resulting from a deliberate fire set without obtaining a permit.

Free FireSmart Home Assessments

Parkland County is now offering free FireSmart Home Assessments to residents of the Village of Spring Lake. Visit Parkland County - Free FireSmart Home Assessments for more information! www.parklandcounty.com/en/home-property-and-utilities/fire-smart.aspx

Alberta RCMP Mobile App

Stony Plain and District Crime Prevention Association has developed an App that provides an easy method of accessing Alberta Police and Public Safety information and to engage with Alberta RCMP Crime Reduction initiatives. The platform improves connection to the many diverse communities the Alberta RCMP serves and encourages open and transparent communication with the public it services and its community partners. Find it on Apple or Android.

Garbage & Recycling Winter Schedule

Monday's garbage and recycling pick-up has now gone to a bi-weekly schedule. Garbage and recycling will be picked up the same day with December pick-up dates being the following:

**December 4,
December 18 &
* December 30 ***

*** Please Be Advised: Pickup has been moved from Monday, January 1, 2024, to Saturday, December 30, 2023, to accommodate New Year's Day.**

Extra Garbage Tote - Residents wishing to increase their garbage capacity have the option of obtaining an extra garbage tote for pick-up services. This extra service has a one-time refundable \$100 deposit for the tote, and \$200 per year for the service. You may return your tote, undamaged, for a refund of your tote deposit, if at any time you wish to discontinue the extra pick-up service. If this is something of interest, please contact the Village Office.

Developing & Building

A Development Permit must be applied for before obtaining any Safety Code Permits necessary for new construction, additions, decks, demolition, and excavation (HOLDING TANKS & CISTERNS). This permit is to ensure that your project or home occupation conforms to the Village's Land Use Bylaw, including proper setbacks from property lines, etc.

Our Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, can be reached at [780.718.5479](tel:780.718.5479). A Real Property Report, showing the location of existing buildings and the proposed development must be submitted when applying. Application fees must accompany all Development Applications.

Safety Code Permits including electrical, plumbing, building, etc. must be obtained from Superior Safety Codes before beginning your project. You must apply for these permits to ensure that your project is safe and conforms to safety code regulations and must be obtained before commencing work. Permit forms and information can be found on superiorsafetycode.com or they are available at the Village Office.



Do You Own a Small Business in Spring Lake?

The Village is updating our website and is looking to dedicate one section to small businesses within the area. If you have a valid Development Permit for your business in Spring Lake and you would like your company info included on the Village's website, please email your information to villageoffice@springlakealberta.com

Spring Lake's Municipal Indicators:



No Concern

ON-TIME FINANCIAL REPORTING
(Date Received)

May 02, 2023

ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/DEFICIT

\$852,914

DEBT TO REVENUE PERCENTAGE

0.00%

DEBT SERVICE TO REVENUE PERCENT

0.00%

INFRASTRUCTURE AGE

60.80%

INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

1.61

INTEREST IN MUNICIPAL OFFICE

N/A

TAX COLLECTION RATE

97.50%

TAX BASE BALANCE

96.88%

POPULATION CHANGE

15.80%

CURRENT RATIO

1.45

2023 Municipal Indicators

Alberta Municipal Affairs annually reports a performance measure that identifies the percentage of municipalities deemed to "not face potential long-term viability challenges based on their financial and governance indicators". This performance measure is used as a benchmark for measuring the ministry's efforts to ensure Albertans live in viable municipalities and communities with responsible, collaborative and accountable local governments.

The performance measure is based on an analysis of 13 municipal indicators. Each of the 13 municipal indicators has a defined benchmark. A municipality is 'not deemed to face potential long-term viability challenges' as long as it does not flag a critical indicator or three or more non-critical indicators.

The ministry compiled and verified the data collected from Alberta's municipalities for the 2023 financial year and was pleased to inform the Village of Spring Lake that our municipality was not flagged for further follow-up.

2024 Dog Tags

The Off-Leash Dog Park is open for residents and their dogs to have a place to run free. The entrance to the dog park is located at Beachview Crescent. The Village asks everyone attending the dog park to follow the Rules of Use posted at the dog park and be mindful of other residents.

2024 Dog Tags - We would like to remind all residents that currently own dogs, to please purchase your 2024 Dog Tags. The dog tags are available at the Village Office at a cost of \$15 each. You may also contact the Office for mailing arrangements or e-transfer details. If your dog does not have a current tag, you may face a fine under Spring Lake's **Bylaw #372 - Animal Control Bylaw**.

Animal Control - Is provided by Parkland Enforcement Services at [780.968.8400](tel:780.968.8400). Parkland Animal Control Services are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Residents can also drop off any stray dog at the Parkland County Animal Control Centre. Emergency situations (i.e. vicious or injured dog) will be evaluated and may be handled after hours.

Spring Lake Is On Facebook & Instagram!

@VillageOfSpringLakeAlberta



Like and follow for updates and news in Spring Lake!

Fireworks - Bylaw 395

Just a friendly reminder that fireworks are not permitted to be discharged within the Village at any time, without prior approval from Council. Please contact the Village Office at 780-963-4211 to start the approval process and for any other questions regarding fireworks.

GFL Waste Management

When it comes to recycling, awareness is key. Contamination is the biggest issue impacting successful recycling practices today, when people throw in items they shouldn't, such as grease-soaked cardboard, plastic bags or paint cans. This is why it's important to know what you can recycle and what you can't.

Recycle:

Mixed Paper/Paperboard: Magazines, Flyers, Newspaper, Catalogues, Office Paper, Envelopes, Craft Paper, Books with the front and back covers removed.

Wrapping Paper & Greeting Cards (No Foil, decorations removed.)

Deposit Items Including: Mix containers - Pop & Beer, Cans & Bottles, Tetra Paks.

Hard Plastic Containers, Tubs and Bottles. No lids or caps. - Detergent, Condiment or Shampoo Bottles, Margarine & Large Yogurt Containers, Ice Cream Pails)

Aluminum and Tin Cans, Pie Plates & Containers

Cardboard - Flattened



Landfill Waste:

Styrofoam & Rubber,
Coffee Cups, Non-
Refundable Glass,
Fabric, Film Plastic,
Single Use Packaging



What CAN'T I Recycle?

Styrofoam	Plastic Bags	Straws
Plastic Clamshells	Hazardous Waste	Plastic Utensils
Coffee Cups	Plastic Cups	

NOT Landfill Waste:

Hazardous Waste	Recyclables
<i>(Must be taken to Enviroservice Station)</i>	Organics

Village Snow Removal

We want to thank all residents that have expressed appreciation and respect towards Public Works staff during the winter season while clearing snow from our roads. We take pride in being able to provide prompt and thorough snow clearing within our Village and would like to remind residents of a few things that they can do to help further enhance this service.

The snow removal priorities continue to be the same, and are: All major through-fares, with special consideration given to steep hills; important intersections; side streets & alleys; Canada Post mailbox sites and school bus routes.

How Can You Help?

To eliminate delays and damage to equipment, we request all residents to help the Village by:

1. Not plowing snow from your property or driveway onto or across the road.
2. Place snow from approaches as a result from private driveway clearing on the the right hand side of the driveway as they are exiting their property.
3. Removing vehicles, equipment and other objects from the road allowance.
4. Remove garbage totes from the road allowance by 6am Tuesday mornings.

The Municipality reserves the right to tow or remove items so that snow plowing operations can continue without delay.

Recovery, repair or replacement costs to these items will be the responsibility of the property owner. In addition, removal of snow from your property onto or across the road can result in a fine under our **Traffic Bylaw #328**. We thank everyone for their patience during snow and ice control operations.

Windrows

While clearing roads, operators may leave a "ridge" or windrow in front of some driveways. This is avoided whenever possible; however, it is part of normal snow clearing operations.

In Policy #2014-02 - Roadway Snow and Ice Control, the Village will remove windrows that fall within the following criteria:

1. Service will be provided only when the windrow is an accumulated height of 30cm or greater.
2. No windrow removal service will be provided to those residents who push snow from their driveways into the windrow for removal by the Village.
3. The intent of the windrow removal service is to knock down the windrow and allow for vehicle passage; it is not the intent of the service to provide full clearing and cleaning of the entire width of a driveway, from edge to edge. *Approximately 2.5 to 5.0 centimeters of snow will be left to avoid damage to driveways.*
4. Windrows will only be removed from driveways that have been continuously cleared.
5. Snow from the cleared windrows will be deposited on the road allowance adjacent to driveways.