



# Village of Spring Lake

# Spring Newsletter

## Greetings to all Residents of Spring Lake!

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### Regular Office Hours

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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  
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### Newsletter Contributions

Environmental Advisory Committee  
Events Committee Newsletter  
Spring Lake Community League

### Message from your Mayor...

Spring is well underway in the Village. Residents are getting out, preparing their yards and enjoying the area. It is hard, sometimes, to take a step back and enjoy our surroundings, with the stress of costs increasing and wildfires happening all around us.

With these challenges, we really need to focus on maintaining our strong community. Other municipalities have echoed this, but it is a key aspect of where we live.

I'd like to thank those who are active in the Village. These volunteers may be front and center at an event, taking a few hours to attend a Council Meeting, or an individual picking up garbage as they walk the trails. The Pitch-In Garbage Cleanup is another great, behind the scenes way to volunteer. Everyone can contribute and make our Village special.

The Village of Spring Lake Community League is starting up and hopefully will draw in some new volunteers. The Events Committee has many activities planned this year and is always looking for volunteers.

To our current and future volunteers; thank you.

To our residents and visitors; enjoy the natural beauty of Spring Lake.

Jason Shewchuk,  
Mayor, Village of Spring Lake

### Community Sustainability Plan

The Village of Spring Lake is currently updating our Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, which helps guide Council and Administration on initiatives that residents would like to see in the Village of Spring Lake. The plan has five important components to cover over the next six years: environmental, governance, cultural/recreational, social and economical.

**The Village held a Community Meeting on April 15th, 2023 with regards to bringing the Community together to update the Community Sustainability Plan. Results from the Survey and Meeting will be released in the near future and development of an updated plan will begin.**

### 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**. 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.

## ***Developing & Building Ctd..***

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 [www.superiorsafetycode.com](http://www.superiorsafetycode.com) or they are available at the Village Office.

## ***GFL Recycling - What can I recycle?***



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.

### **USUALLY ACCEPTED: Plastic recycling**

Includes all CLEANED plastic bottles and jars #1 to #7: soft drink bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, FLATTENED cartons, etc. Check the bottom of the container. If you see the recycling symbol with a #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 in the center, it is acceptable.

### ***What CAN'T I Recycle?***

What can't I recycle?  
Styrofoam  
Window glass and mirrors  
Electronic waste (TVs and computers)  
Motor oil containers  
Yard waste  
Chemical containers  
Shredded paper  
Plastic bags  
Ceramics or dishes  
Food waste  
Scrap metal  
Monitors

### **USUALLY ACCEPTED: Metal recycling**

Includes aluminum cans, pie and baking pans, tin cans, steel food containers, EMPTY aerosol cans, and lids. Metal beverage cans, baking tins, foil, and food containers are also included in this material category. All items must be CLEAN OF FOOD.

### **USUALLY ACCEPTED: Cardboard recycling**

Includes corrugated cardboard, shipping boxes, cereal and dry food boxes, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, moving boxes, detergent boxes, soda/beer cartons, and paper towel/toilet tissue rolls. All boxes MUST BE FLATTENED for proper disposal.

### **USUALLY ACCEPTED: Paper recycling**

Includes newspapers, inserts, labels, magazines, catalogs, paperback books, manila folders, letterhead, notebook paper (no backings), computer paper, envelopes (with windows), coupon books, index cards, calendars, and brown paper bags.

### **SOMETIMES ACCEPTED: Glass recycling**

NOTE: Many areas are no longer accepting glass, so please double check before including it in your container. If accepted, items usually include:

Bottles and jars – lids must be REMOVED and separated and the item must be CLEANED of all food and liquid waste before being placed inside the container.

## ***Private Sewage Systems Amendment - Bylaw #398***

The Council of the Village of Spring Lake has Amended its Municipal Development Plan Bylaw #390 as it affects certain lands;

For the purposes of this Policy, "new" means a new installation or alteration of a private sewage disposal system that would require a new private sewage disposal system permit and does not include routine maintenance or repair of an existing system installed under a previously issued and approved permit.

1. Policy 12.2.7 is deleted and replaced with the following:

**1. New surface discharge systems will be prohibited within the Village. Except as otherwise specified below, new septic fields and mounds will be prohibited within the Village.**

- New septic fields and mounds, installed in accordance with the current Alberta Private Sewage Systems Standard of Practice, may be permitted on parcels of land that are not adjacent to an Observed Wetland or Environmental Reserve. Parcels adjacent to an Observed Wetland or Environmental Reserve on which a new septic field or mound are prohibited and are highlighted in yellow on Map 14.5.



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**Spring Lake Is On Facebook & Instagram!**  
**@VillageOfSpringLakeAlberta**



**Like and follow for updates and news in Spring Lake!**

### ***2023 Property Tax Notices***

Property Tax Notices will be mailed by May 24, 2023. Property taxes are due on June 30, 2023.

### ***Address Change***

Please remember that it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that the Village Office has your correct mailing address.



# 2023 EVENTS

**Spring Lake Events Committee**  
There are some great events coming up this summer!

## **Garage Sale & Vendors Market**

Is back for its 2nd year!

**June 10th, 9AM to 3PM at the Spring Lake Arena**

- Rain or shine, the sale will go on!
- Food Truck & Door Prizes
- Tables set up at 8AM
- To book a table, email:

[events@springlakealberta.com](mailto:events@springlakealberta.com)

**Booking Deadline is June 1, 2023**

Payment by cash or cheque to the Village Office, or EMT to Emily House, CAO, at:

[emily@springlakealberta.com](mailto:emily@springlakealberta.com)

**Password should be "events", please.**

## **Annual Fall Festival**

**September 16, 2023 @ 3-8PM**

Green space behind the Skating Rink, with a Drive-In Movie to follow @8PM.

**Live music, lots of free activities for the kids, food trucks, and door prizes!!**

If you would like to be a vendor, you can book your spot for \$20. MLM companies (i.e.: Norwex, Tupperware, etc) are first come first booked.

## **Drive-In Movie**

**September 16, 2023 @ 8PM**

Details to be Announced

## **Santa Run**

**December 2023 - Details TBD**

We LOVE our volunteers, and these events can't happen without them. If you would like to volunteer, please let the Events Committee know!

Please send an email to [events@springlakealberta.com](mailto:events@springlakealberta.com) to book for either event or to become a volunteer.

Melanie Sera, Deputy Mayor

## **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.

## **Spring Lake Community League**

Greetings, Spring Lake Residents! We are excited to share an update about the Spring Lake Community League. We are a newly formed group working to enrich our beautiful Village. Spring Lake Community League has been formed with four Executive Members and four Directors.

The Community League's mission is to foster a strong sense of community and promote a healthy, active lifestyle for all residents of Spring Lake. They plan to achieve this through various events and initiatives encouraging socializing, physical activity, and community involvement. The League is composed of dedicated and passionate individuals who share a common goal - to make Spring Lake an even more wonderful place to live. They are always looking for new members to join them and contribute to our community's growth and development.

Please search for, and follow our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram, **Spring Lake Community League - Alberta** for up-to-date content. We will keep you informed about the Community League's upcoming events, share photos and stories from past gatherings, and provide information about how you can get involved with this valuable organization. We encourage you to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback with the Community League at [springlakecommunityleague@gmail.com](mailto:springlakecommunityleague@gmail.com), as they value the input of every member of our community.

Thank you for supporting the Spring Lake Community League as we work together to make Spring Lake an even better place to call home!

## **Yellowhead Regional Library**

The Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) operates a number of 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 a wide range of services that they provide. For additional information, please visit [yrl.ab.ca](http://yrl.ab.ca) or [springlakealberta.com](http://springlakealberta.com).



## **TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium)**

TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium) is a partnership of Yellowhead Regional Library, Marigold Library System, Northern Lights Library System, Peace Library System, and their member libraries.

Governed by the TRAC Society, TRAC connects over 180 libraries and hundreds of thousands of Albertans to holdings of nearly three million books, magazines and movies. In addition to a shared library catalogue, the TRAC Society offers member libraries services and resources such as eResources, training, shared procedures and best practices to facilitates access to one of the largest Consortia collections in Canada.

Member libraries can access the TRAC library catalogue (TRACpac) by visiting [tracpac.ab.ca](http://tracpac.ab.ca) or by downloading the **TRACpac app**.

## **Dog Days of Summer**

**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.

**2023 Dog Tags** - We would like to remind all residents that currently own dogs, to please purchase your 2023 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**. 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.



## Alberta Wildfire

Stay current on Alberta's wildfire situation. See where wildfires are burning in Alberta and how they impact you. Get up-to-date information on wildfire conditions and hazard. Join our conversation on Facebook and Twitter.

## Village of Spring Lake

### Policy #2009-04 Fire Bans & Advisories

To establish an appropriate system to determine the status of a fire ban or advisory within the Municipality and to effectively communicate this information to Residents. Read the Policy on our website [springlakealberta.com](http://springlakealberta.com). View all current fire restrictions and bans in place across the province at [albertafirebans.ca](http://albertafirebans.ca).

Stay up to date with the [Alberta Fire Bans App!](#) Regardless of where you are in Alberta, the Alberta Fire Bans Application will help you find the most current and reliable information on all active fire advisories, fire restrictions, fire bans, and OHV restrictions in Alberta.

## Fire Safety: Bylaw #317 - Open Burning Bylaw

Spring 2023 began with its first Fire Ban of the season on April 25th. Wildfires are a big deal every year and as always, the Village of Spring Lake wants to remind residents and visitors to remain vigilant in their fire safety efforts.

### Did you know? Wild Fires can start during the most innocent of activities.

- Bagging up dry vegetation and leaving it in the sun
- ATV's in the fields, woods and forests
- Broken glass and litter glinting in the sunlight
- Lighters and accelerants left in a hot car
- Fireworks being set off

### Fire Permits are available at the Village Office at no charge, when there is not a Fire Ban or Advisory.

A Fire Permit must be obtained for all fires not in a contained pit. Please refer to [Bylaw #317 - Open Burning Bylaw](#) for details & 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 to. 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.



## Report a Wildfire

If you see a wildfire in a forested area, Call: **310-FIRE (3473)**

## Summer Garbage Schedule

resumes on May 1st, 2023. Blue Bag pick-up will remain biweekly and Garbage pick-up will be every Monday, for the Summer Season.

Please continue to have your garbage out by **6 AM Monday Mornings.**

## Extra Garbage Tote

Obtain an extra garbage tote for pick-up services from the Office. **This extra service has a one time refundable \$100 deposit for the tote, and \$165 per year for the service.**

You may return your tote, undamaged, for a refund of your tote deposit If at anytime you wish to discontinue the extra pick-up service.

## 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. 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 owner's expense.

## Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

### Don't fertilize.....Do this instead

- Aerate your lawn
- Make your own organic fertilizer by composting
- Leave your lawn clippings as mulch on your lawn, this is free fertilizer
- Rethink how you mow your lawn, Mow higher and mulch the clippings
- Overseed, Aerate and top dress with compost
- Mulch leaves in the fall and leave on over winter
- Plant alternatives to grass such as ground cover plants.

By Councillor, Adam MacCormack

## 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.

## Alberta RCMP App

### Why it is important to report crime?

To strategically put resources where they are needed. Information reported is supplied to Officers, and this will determine where they do patrols.

Alberta RCMP has launched their mobile app for iOS and Android devices.

**"Having an app will provide the public with an option for digital accessibility that is convenient and centralized."**

## Lightcatch App

Use Lightcatch to track suspicious activity in your area. It's a free phone app to help prevent crime in your area, it's like a block watch program that is for your phone. This app will keep you connected with what could be happening in your area. You can also post information notifying others of any suspicious activity. The Village recommends this app.

## Bee and Hen Keeping Bylaw No. 393 & 394

The application/license can be found at [springlakealberta.com](http://springlakealberta.com), under Municipal Information; Licenses, Permits & Applications. Applicants must submit proof of completion of a beekeeping and/or hen keeping course from an accepted organization /association. Submit your applications by emailing [villageoffice@springlakealberta.com](mailto:villageoffice@springlakealberta.com)

## 2023 Quarterly Traffic Stats

Camera Placement within Spring Lake throughout Spring 2023.

### Smith Crescent Westbound:

Average speed = 23.15  
Top Speed = 88

### Smith Crescent Eastbound:

Average Speed = 23.11  
Top Speed = 87

## Restricted Use of Fertilizers, Herbicides, & Pesticides

**Bylaw #399 - The Restricted Use of Fertilizers, Herbicides, & Pesticides** is the latest effort of Council to protect the health of Spring Lake and our environmentally sensitive lands from the detrimental effects of fertilizers and pesticides. You can find Bylaw #399 on the website and at the Village Office.