



SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK 2017

~May 15th - May 19th~

(Weather permitting)



- ~Leaves, branches, grass and garden refuse ONLY.
- ~Leaves, grass, and garden refuse must go in BAGS.
- ~Branches cut in short lengths and bundled or piled so they can be picked up by hand.
- ~Pick up is the same day of the week as recycling:
It must be ready by 8:00 a.m. the morning
- ~Leave in the alley where possible.
- ~Please note that bags will be picked up first and branches will be picked up separately (possibly as late as the following week).

COMMUNITY PITCH IN WEEK ~May 15th - 19th~

Join us in helping clean up our community! Schools, local businesses, community organizations, and individuals are all invited to participate. Each group will be responsible for an area of the community to clean up, and supply kits and additional support will be provided by City Hall. Phone 306-236-3622 or send an email to reception@meadowlake.ca for more information, or to register your group.

WOODLAWN CEMETERY

Reminder: the City of Meadow Lake will be doing maintenance at the Woodlawn Cemetery beginning in May. *If you wish to keep the items you have placed on a grave site, please pick them up **BEFORE** Sunday, April 30th or they will be removed.*

COMPOST SITE INFORMATION

Residents need to compost their grass clippings or **empty** their bagged grass clippings and vegetation at the compost site on 9th Avenue East – and not the Regional Landfill site. **Do not** place grass clippings in your waste receptacle as this will result in added costs to the City for solid waste fees. Residential compost bins are also available from City Hall for a one time cost of \$30.00 per bin. **NOTE:** Recycle Bins WILL NOT be emptied if they contain anything other than the specified materials. Residents may also be fined a minimum of \$100.00 for placing non-recyclable materials in recycle bins.

NOTICE

The 2016 Drinking Water Quality Report is now available on the City website, www.meadowlake.ca, under “Public Notices” on the “Government” page.

CHANGES TO WATER & SEWER RATES IN 2017

Council passed a Water & Sewer Amendment Bylaw at their regular meeting on September 26th. The changes will see the base rate increase from \$100 to \$110 per quarter, and consumption rates increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cubic meter for water, and from \$0.50 to \$0.60 per cubic meter for sewer. Rate changes will be effective January 1, 2017 and will first appear on your March 31st utility bill.

Council also adopted a **new Utility Bill Collection Policy** on March 27th. The policy outlines clearly the steps the City will take to collect past due accounts, up to and including disconnecting water services. You can read the whole policy on our website: meadowlake.ca.

TAX ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Property assessment notices were mailed on March 16th. The period to appeal errors on your assessment is from March 16th until May 16th. If you wish to appeal your assessment, you will need an appeal form from City Hall. Please note that an increase to your assessment does not necessarily mean an increase to your property taxes, as tax rates have not been set yet.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Beginning the month of May you may experience discolored water, low water pressure and water running down the street. This will be due to the flushing of fire hydrants in your area. Before using your water let it run for a few minutes until it clears.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Regular council meetings are always open to the public. Upcoming council meeting dates are: April 10th & 24th May 8th & 23rd, and June 12th & 26th. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, which is located on the upper floor of City Hall. Access is by the south-east door. Any submissions to go to a council meeting for **information** must be received at City Hall by noon on the Thursday before the meeting. Submissions requesting a **decision or action** of council must be received by 12:00 noon on the Monday before the meeting.

*Agendas for upcoming meetings are available online at www.meadowlake.ca.

SPRING & SUMMER FIRE SAFETY TIPS!

In the House: ~ Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, change batteries when needed, and replace alarms that are more than 10 years old. ~ Replace damaged extension cords and electrical appliances. ~ Practice your family's fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency and ensure you have an emergency preparedness kit. ~ Check windows to ensure they open and close properly ~ **Recycle:** Get rid of old newspapers, junk mail and other discarded items. These materials tend to pile up and contribute to the severity and spread of fire. ~ Check and clean filters above the stove. ~ Clean out the dryer duct and vacuum out the back of the clothes dryer. ~ Always keep stairs, landings and hallways clear for safe evacuation ~ **Keep room doors closed** to reduce losses in the event of a fire.

BBQ Tips: ~ All barbeque grills must only be used outdoors ~ Always position the grill well away from combustible objects and buildings ~ **Keep your grill clean.** Check for leaks and damage. ~ Always open propane tanks fully - partially open valves will leak ~ **Keep a garden hose nearby,** connected and ready for use in case of a fire.

Fireworks: ~ "Consumer fireworks" are readily available but their use within city limits is restricted. ~ Fireworks that launch hot material into the air pose a danger to nearby buildings, vehicles and people; these require a suitable site, and a fireworks permit. Please contact City Hall for more information.

Fire Pits: ~ Backyard outdoor fire pits can be enjoyable and safe, provided that they are installed, maintained and used properly. ~ **Be sure to obtain a proper permit.** Permits are valid for five years only. ~ **Respect your neighbors:** avoid creating smoky fires, and never burn garbage, synthetic material or treated wood.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

We would like to remind the public that when firefighters are responding to an emergency call in their private vehicles, they will have their hazard lights (four-way flashers) on. If possible, please pull over to let them pass.

For Any Inquiries:

Please contact City Hall at (306) 236-3622 and we will be happy to hear from you. You may also email your inquiries to cityhall@meadowlake.ca.

Or alternatively, you can drop us a line at PO Box 610, Meadow Lake, SK S9X 1Y5.

We can be found at 120 - 1st Street East.

OTHER CITY NUMBERS:

Fire Hall	(306) 236-5788
Aquatic Centre	(306) 236-2686
Tourist Booth	(306) 236-4447
Lakeland Library.....	(306) 236-5396
Museum & Historical Society	(306) 234-2455
Water Treatment Plant	(306) 236-5831
City Shop.....	(306) 236-6240
M.L. & District Arena.....	(306) 236-6693
Civic Centre	(306) 236-6132



PHOTO CONTEST

The City will be launching a new website. As part of our redesign, we want to update the images of our community. Everyone is invited to enter the photo contest for a chance to win prizes up to \$100, and to have your photo featured on our new website! Deadline is April 20, 2017. Contest requirements, entry and photo release forms can be found on the webpage meadowlake.ca.

BYLAW REMINDERS

Dog Bylaw: The bylaw officer will issue violation notices to those who have not licensed their dogs for 2017. The cost of violation is \$50.00 for the first offense and can be as high as \$500.00 for additional violations.

The cost to license a dog with the City is \$20.00 or \$40.00, depending on whether or not the dog is neutered/spayed or intact.

Business Licenses: Rates vary depending on the business type. Business owners who operate out of a residence without a license may be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000.00.

Nuisance Abatement Bylaw: Please ensure that your yard is kept neat, tidy and free from buildup or debris. When necessary, keep materials stored outside in a neat pile, elevated off the ground and covered by a tarp. Do not store old furniture or appliances in your yard.

Traffic Bylaw: Do not park on a street that is closed for snow removal or utility work, as this interferes with the Public Works Department's ability to complete their work. Your vehicle could be also towed and you could be fined \$20.00. **Please do not drive around or move barricades that have been placed to block of streets for utility repairs.** Fines for doing so range from \$50.00 - \$500.00. Handicapped parking stalls are not for loading or unloading and are only for people with a valid parking permit.

Garbage Bylaw: Any bins are to be removed from public right-of-ways within 24 hours (starting at 7:30AM on the waste collection day).

All Other Bylaws: The most frequently referenced bylaws are all posted on the City's website. Copies can also be obtained from City Hall. If you have any questions about bylaws or bylaw changes, please feel free to contact the City

For information on community events and notices, please visit our website: www.meadowlake.ca. If you would like your event or organization listed please call City Hall at 306-236-3622 or email cityhall@meadowlake.ca.