Town of Luseland

NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Fall is here and brings with it the annual seasonal chores, such as raking up the fallen leaves, winterizing the house and unpacking my summer clothes that I prematurely put away on the first cold day of the season.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

During the summer the library had some staff changes. Kaitlyn Thrun left her position as librarian after receiving a wonderful opportunity to travel and we wish her all the best in her adventures. We would like to welcome our new librarian, Kate Hughes! Kate has lots experience from working in libraries, so we look forward to the new ideas and enthusiasm she will bring to our library. Also new to the library is a book club! The initial meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 pm where they will be selecting a book and setting a date for the next meeting.

The library also has a new featured artist in their art gallery, the multi-talented Knorr Family! Displayed are paintings by Victoria that were framed by her husband, Eugene, there are also young adult books written by their daughter, A.L. (Abby) Knorr.

**INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICIP)**

In 2018 the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan signed an agreement to provide funding for all types of Saskatchewan infrastructure projects. The Town took this opportunity to submit two applications, one for construction of a new arena facility and one for decommissioning our landfill. We were unsuccessful with our application for constructing a new arena, which means this project will not move forward and Council will look at other options to improve our current arena. Our application for decommissioning our landfill was approved and the process for becoming a transfer station has started.

**TRANSFER STATION UPDATE**

With the landfill becoming a transfer station there will be changes that affect residents. Starting in October we will no longer be adding waste to the temporary piles and all garbage, with the exception of material we do not accept, will go into the Loraas bins. There will be an updated fee schedule to match the new structure of the transfer station. These decisions were not made lightly but ultimately Council felt it is in Luseland’s best interest to operate a transfer station rather than a landfill as the legislation set by the Provincial government for operating a landfill is becoming increasingly difficult and costly to abide by. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office.

**FALL YARD WASTE**

With the leaves finally falling, Public Works has scheduled yard waste pickup for Wednesday, October 19. Remember to have you bags at the street by 8:00 am the day of and any branches needing to be disposed of are neatly stacked or even bundled for easy pickup. If you are unable to get your yard waste to the street, please contact Public Works at 306-372-4474 to arrange pick up at a different location.

With the yard waste pickup being scheduled, now is a good time to trim hedges back off the sidewalk to ensure they are accessible for pedestrians to use. If you have a residence at an intersection, make sure the hedges are back for enough that they do not block the line of sight for drivers. The landfill will be open on Sunday, October 2nd, 16th & 30th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to accommodate increased yard waste disposal.

**HOMECOMING HALL**

After almost 50 years of hosting town functions, weddings and many other events the hall is showing its age and in need of major repairs. The Hall Board has determined that in order to extend the life of the hall, the boiler needs to be replaced and upgrades need to be made to the kitchen. The Hall Board can not achieve these goals own their own, and need help from the community who have kindly supported the hall for all these years. If you’re interested in helping out in any way, the Hall Board will be having a meeting on Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 pm at the hall .

**MS BIKE RIDE**

On Saturday, September 17 the Luseland MS Bike Ride with team Flahr’s with Flair took place. The ride started off with speeches from Mayor Wurz and Team Flahr, then following the 60 km ride was a celebratory BBQ fundraiser that was sponsored by the Luseland Credit Union, Luseland Family Foods and the Delta Co-op. The BBQ helped raise $2,870.50, which brought Flahr’s donations for this year to $15,900.00 for MS research! Thank you to everyone who came out to support this cause.

**LUSELAND POLICE SERVICE**

If you need to leave a voicemail for the Luseland Police Service, please provide your name, number and a brief description of why you are calling and Chief Ekstrand or Deb will get back to you as soon as they can. The police office is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE LUSELAND MALLARDS’ EXECUTIVES**

After a one year leave of absence and a great deal of discussion and reflection, the Luseland Mallards’ Executive has made the difficult decision to officially withdraw the team from the Saskatchewan West Hockey League. The Luseland Mallards played in the SWHL for 20 consecutive seasons, winning the league championship once along with 3 provincial titles. The organization boasted many talented teams and players throughout their existence and brought the community together and put our small town on the map many times. On behalf of the team and executive, we would like to thank the players, fans, volunteers, sponsors, and community for over 20 years of support and dedication. Until we fly again – thanks for the memories.

**HAPPY FALL!**