

# Town of Luseland

Newsletter

March 2021

Spring is here, I think! Recently I read online that this time of year should be called "Fools Spring" and I think that is a very fitting name because each year I'm fooled into believing spring is here to stay then it blizzards and I'm proven very wrong. As the old English saying I Googled goes 'Never cast a clout 'til May is out'.

## **LUSELAND POLICE**

We are very pleased to say our Constable, Nathaniel Ekstrand is here and on the job in Luseland! After graduating from Police College in December, Nate trained for 3 months with the Saskatoon Police and Vanscoy RCMP, who only had positive things to say. Welcome to Luseland Nate, we're happy to have you!

## **LIBRARY**

We would also like to welcome Lacy Sletten as Luseland's new librarian! Lacy started working in the middle of February and has already done wonders in the library. Lacy is joined by Kaitlyn Thrun, who is the new part-time librarian. We're happy to have them both, and know you will enjoy being helped by them!

The librarians aren't the only exciting change, also new to the library is an art exhibit which will showcase our local artists. The display is currently featuring Elsbeth Penner Bergen's beautiful artwork. There is also a larger selection of books for all ages and our librarians are taking requests for authors that residents would like to see in the library. Be sure to go visit the library and see all these changes for yourself! There are also new, extended library hours, which are:

Tuesday 10-2 & 4-7  
Thursdays 10-2 & 4-7  
Saturdays 10-12 & 1-4

## **CALL2RECYCLING**

The Town Office is now a collection site for recycling batteries! Before you bring your batteries in please have each battery in a clear sealable bag or tape the terminals with non-conductive tape for safety. We do not accept wet-cell, damaged, or defective batteries. Visit the town website or [call2recycling.ca](http://call2recycling.ca) for more information.

## **GARBAGE PICK UP**

Make sure you have your garbage out on the street by Monday night or by 7:30 am Tuesday morning. Public Works has been starting garbage collection between 8:00 –

8:30 am and are often finished by 10:00 – 10:30 am. They do not back track and don't want anyone to be missed.

### **ANONYMOUS CONCERNS**

Council always appreciates when a concerned resident reaches out to let us know of a problem occurring in town. It is nice to have residents who care about their community so much. Unfortunately, when we get concerns that are anonymous Council cannot do anything to take steps in solving the matter at hand. The reason for this is council has no way of knowing if this information is true and valid. If you do come forward and speak directly to a member of council or the office staff regarding a concern, your identity will remain anonymous anyways, but if you don't let us know who you are, we will not act.

### **SPRING CLEAN**

With the disappearance of snow comes the appearance of all the litter that has accumulated in yards over the winter. Let's take pride in our community by cleaning up our yards and property. Council Members will be making their annual tour of the Town and will notify owners of properties in need of attention.

Tentative dates for yard waste spring pickup are one day the week of May 3 and one day the week of May 24. Make sure your bags are out on the street by 8 am the morning of pickup. Please keep all your bags under 40lbs and have your branches tied in bundles for easy pickup. Residents are encouraged to use clear or paper leaf bags.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Please remember to check with the Town Office prior to beginning construction or alterations to see if a building permit is required. In many cases the answer is no, but even if required, the permits are not expensive, and you can quickly learn whether your project is permitted under the Zoning Bylaw, which can be found on the town website. If a permit is required, it must be approved at a Council Meeting before construction commences. If you are hiring someone to do the job, make sure they have a business license, or you could be responsible for the cost of a one-time job license.

### **FIRE PITS**

All fire pits must conform to safety standards and should have a screen cover to prevent burning embers from spreading. Only burn clean dry fire wood, and have a hose or bucket of water handy in case it gets away. Please do not burn any yard waste, and be mindful of smoke affecting your neighbours. Contact the office if you would like further information regarding this.

### **REMINDER**

We would like to remind you that the Elm Tree Pruning Ban is in effect from April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> of every year.

The landfill is no longer accepting scrap metal; please have metal removed from any item brought to the landfill.

**HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!**