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Town of Willow Bunch

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
7:00 am – 12:00 pm
12:45 pm – 4:30 pm

CLOSED AUGUST 3, 2020

COUNCIL MEETINGS **TOWN of WILLOW BUNCH**

Council Chambers

AUGUST 4, 2020 7:00 pm

R.M. No. 42 of WILLOW BUNCH

Council Chambers

AUGUST 10, 2020 9:00 am

Sharleine Eger
Administrator

Tereena Bartlett
Assistant Administrator

Claire Lesperance
Community Development Officer

SUMMER Transfer

Station Hours

Now in effect until

OCTOBER 31st

Tuesday & Thursday

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday:

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

NEXT GREY GARBAGE BIN



PICK UP DATE:

AUGUST 3RD
AUGUST 17TH
AUGUST 31ST
@ 7:00AM

NEXT BLUE RECYCLE BIN

PICK UP DATE:

AUGUST 10TH
AUGUST 24TH
@ 7:00AM



COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS

Anyone with a complaint/concern about matters relating to municipal affairs shall submit the complaint/concern in writing and signed by the individual to the administrator before the complaint/concern is taken to council.

NOTICE

*** Cement/concrete will no longer be accepted at the lagoon. Assiniboia Landfill will accept disposal for a fee.**



NOTICE

There will soon be a 4-way STOP at the corners of Avenue D & Edouard Beaupre Street intersection.

SGI states the following:

"4-way stops are often challenging for drivers because of the number of different situations that can arise.

From city streets to rural roads, 4-way stops are a common sight throughout Saskatchewan. Less common, however, is an understanding of how to safely navigate these traffic controls. Four-way stops are often challenging for drivers because of the number of different situations that can arise:

- If yours is the only car at the intersection, you simply come to a complete stop and proceed when it is safe to do so.
- When 2 vehicles are stopped at an intersection, the 1 that arrived first has the right-of-way. That doesn't mean, though, that you should race to the stop sign.
- Things get slightly more complicated when 2 vehicles arrive at the intersection at the same time. If the vehicles are travelling on intersecting streets, the driver on the right should go first.
 - But when vehicles are going in opposite directions on the same road, the drivers can proceed at the same time. If 1 of the vehicles is turning left, then the driver making the turn must yield the right-of-way to the driver going straight
- Who goes 1st when 4 vehicles arrive at the intersection at the same time? There's no written law that dictates this situation, so common courtesy and a bit of patience are your best allies.
 - After 1 vehicle crosses the intersection, the remaining 3 simply yield the right-of-way to the driver on their right. Just be sure to use extra caution when proceeding because not every driver understands 4-way stop protocol, especially in this case.

Regardless of the scenario at a 4-way stop, all drivers must yield to pedestrians who are crossing at marked or unmarked crosswalks. Cyclists walking beside their bikes are considered pedestrians as well, while those riding on the road should be treated as vehicles.

When in doubt, your best bet is to wait at the stop sign until you're certain it's safe to continue on. Impatient drivers often cause collisions and 4-way stops are where you'll find many of them. Taking your time will help you avoid a dangerous and embarrassing collision.

<https://www.sgi.sk.ca/merging-and-intersections>

Town of Willow Bunch

Office of the Administrator

As the Province continues with it's "Re-Open Saskatchewan" plan it is important to remember that we must remain diligent in our practices to prevent the spread of COVID 19.

The numbers in Saskatchewan are rising and positive cases are confirmed in municipalities to the West.

REMEMBER: WE ARE NOT IMMUNE TO THIS VIRUS

Please respect the restrictions that are in place as they are essential to containing and stopping the spread of COVID 19.

Please follow protocol and public health orders as set by the Government of Saskatchewan and the Chief Medical Health Officer.

These orders are updated daily on www.saskatchewan.ca

Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented and uncertain times.

#flattenthecurve

Wayne Joyal
Mayor

Coronach RCMP Monthly Stats Report

During the month of JUNE, the Coronach/Bengough RCMP responded to 32 calls for service, resulting in 14 Criminal Code charges. We also issued 17 traffic tickets and 24 written warnings in our patrolling area.

**This includes all of Coronach / Bengough Detachment areas. It goes from US border to two miles North of Crane Valley, and from about 1 mile East of St. Victor to 3 miles East of Ogema.*

Stats Report continued

Calls to service included:

- 2 Assaults
- 1 Resist/Obstruct Police Officer
- 1 Breach of Peace
- 1 Peace bond application
- 1 Break and enter to a residence
- 1 Possession of stolen property
- 1 Customs act – fail to report
- 2 Motor vehicle accident with a deer
- 1 Motor vehicle accident – no injuries
- 1 Complaint of speeding gravel trucks on Highway 13
- 1 Complaint of speeding through Ormiston
- 1 Sudden death
- 2 Mental health act calls
- 1 911 Hang up
- 2 Suspicious vehicles/persons
- 1 False alarm
- 1 Assistance to other RCMP Detachment
- 1 Assistance to other police agency
- 1 Abandoned vehicle
- 1 Tractor fire
- 5 COVID-19 – Quarantine compliance checks
- 1 COVID-19 health act – information
- 1 Assistance to Animal Protection Services
- 1 Firearms Act – ammunition turned into Police

JUNE CHARGES:

- 1 Assault with a weapon
- 2 Assault
- 2 Uttering threats
- 1 Possession of stolen property
- 3 Fail to comply with probation order
- 5 Fail to comply with release conditions
- 1 Driving faster than 60km/hr while passing emergency vehicle with lights activated
- 11 Speeding tickets issued

Stats Report continued

- 2 Tickets issued for failing to obey stop sign
- 1 Use/hold cell phone while driving
- 2 Fail to produce drivers license upon request
- 1 Written warning for having cannabis in a vehicle
- 2 Written warnings for failing to obey stop sign
- 11 Written warnings for speeding
- 1 Written warning for failing to wear seatbelt
- 1 Written warning for failing to signal
- 1 Written warning for failing to produce drivers license upon request
- 1 Written warning for – failing to dim lights to oncoming traffic
- 2 Written warnings of a burnt out headlight/taillight
- 3 Written warnings for damaged windshield
- 1 Written warning for tinted windows

RCMP REPORT



Along with our regular traffic enforcement duties, the RCMP and SGI are partnering each month of the year to concentrate extra focus on one area of traffic safety for enforcement purposes. The month of **AUGUST** will see us place extra focus on **IMPAIRED DRIVING**.

Impaired driving, whether by alcohol, drugs, fatigue or distraction, imposes enormous costs on our society. If you drive impaired, your luck will eventually run out and you will get caught or involved in a collision that hurts or kills someone.

Every year, an average of 48 people are killed and 462 people are injured in drug or alcohol related collisions. Warmer

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weather months (May to September) experience the highest number of casualty collisions.

If the police determine your ability to operate a vehicle has been impaired by alcohol or drugs, even if your Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is below .08, you can still be charged with impaired driving under provincial legislation. Failure to provide a breath, blood or saliva sample will result in a criminal charge and immediate suspension in the same manner as other impaired driving charges.

Alcohol related offences are monitored by SGI for 10 years. Tougher sanctions are in place for repeat offences during this period.

Please always plan a safe ride home.

Additional information can be found at the following:

www.sgi.sk.ca/individuals/safety/drugs/index.html

LIBRARY

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

Tickets available August 1

Tickets \$20.00 each

1st Prize - \$2000

2nd Prize - \$500

Draw Date: December 5th, 2020

Etransfer accepted:

willowbunch@palliserlibrary.ca

License #SR20-0075

330 tickets printed

Barb Gibbons, Librarian
306-473-2393

WILLOW BUNCH WELLNESS CENTER

CLOSED August 3rd

**OPEN: August 5, 10, 12, 17,
19, 24, 26, & 31**

**The Nurse Practitioner will be
away from August 17 & 19**

Labs are Wednesdays

August 5 & 19

1:30pm – 2:30pm

August 12 & 26

8:30am – 9:30am

**All appointments must be booked
ahead of time for both the Nurse
Practitioner - Johanne Rust and
the Laboratory.**

PLEASE CALL: 306-473-2310

**THANK YOU for your patience and
understanding as we work together
at this difficult time.**

**As always in case of an
emergency: DIAL 911**

**On behalf of the Sportsman Club, we
would like to thank the Community
for your support during these
unprecedented times. Your support
means a great deal to us and the
community. A very special Thanks
to Dawn Embury and her staff for
making our 25th Anniversary Lobster
Fest a success. Thanks to everyone
involved and hope to see you at next
year's LOBSTER FEST!**

W.B. SPORTSMAN CLUB

RECREATION

SWIMMING LESSONS

We are now accepting registration for **SWIMMING LESSONS**. They will be offered **August 10 - 14**. If there is enough interest we will offer a second session. Please email:

jeanlouislegareregionalpark@sasktel.net

to register. We will host a registration night – **Wednesday August 5th** (Willow Bunch Swimming Pool) @ 6:30pm



If you have any questions or concerns, please email the park at: jeanlouislegareregionalpark@sasktel.net



Tickets only \$5.00 each
Draw every Thursday @ 7:15
@ Jolly Giant Pub

eTransfers accepted:
willowbunchchasetheace@sasktel.net

Purchaser or designate must be in attendance to win

Proceeds to the Willow Bunch Swimming Pool Committee

BUSINESS

WESTERN FINANCIAL

Our hours of service are:

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

9:00am – 5:00pm

Closed 12:00 – 1:00

CLOSED Wednesday, August 19, 2020

You can continue to reach us at
306-473-2401

or email:

westernwnb@westernfg.ca

FLOYD'S VARIETY STORE

OPEN

Regular Hours:

Tuesday – Friday

10am – 6pm

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

SATURDAY

1pm – 10pm

"Use it or Loose it"



the Break.ery Cafe

OPEN DAILY

6am – 2pm

We create beautiful and delicious Custom Cakes.

Call 306-473-3330 to order yours today!



MAKE YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT

The Town & RM of Willow Bunch No. 42 along with Western Economic Diversification are

pleased to offer a **B.I.G.** opportunity [Business Improvement Grant] to **ALL**

STORE FRONT BUSINESSES and **ORGANIZATIONS** in the community and RM of Willow Bunch No. 42

For more information and an application, please contact the Municipal Office at 306-473-2450 or email Claire at

wbcdo@sasktel.net

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Help Showcase Saskatchewan



Are you going out on a tour?
Are you staying in Sk for the summer?
Are you taking a camera/phone?
Do you want to win some money??

Check this out:

ExploreSask Photo Contest 2020

Tourism Saskatchewan's annual ExploreSask Photo Contest is officially underway and accepting entries as of June 15.

Tourism Saskatchewan understands that the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way people travel and participate in activities. Practicing safe, physical distancing and following the advice of health officials is critical. But there are still many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, discover new experiences and capture stunning images of our province.

Enter photographs of your favourite Saskatchewan adventures for a chance to win great prizes. Amateur and professional photographers are encouraged to submit their most striking images that capture the natural wonders of Saskatchewan and tell stories about its people and communities. The contest runs until September 15, 2020.

- * **People (#ExploreSaskPeople)** - Portraits of Saskatchewan people from all walks of life enjoying indoor or outdoor activities.
- * **Places (#ExploreSaskPlaces)** - Photos that portray the community spirit and liveliness of Saskatchewan cities and towns, cityscapes, local attractions, dining and urban life.
- * **Prairie (#ExploreSaskPrairie)** - Scenic photos from prairie regions; hidden treasures such as valleys, hills and badlands; other natural features displaying the province's diverse geography in any season.
- * **Water (#ExploreSaskWater)** - Photography that features Saskatchewan's abundant lakes and rivers.
- * **Wildlife (#ExploreSaskWildlife)** - Images that showcase Saskatchewan's beautiful wild animals, birds and insects.
- * **Woods (#ExploreSaskWoods)** - Photos that highlight Saskatchewan's diverse forests and trees, from lodgepole pine and aspen groves in the south to the boreal forests of the north.

The prize-winning photographer, in each category, will receive a \$500 Visa gift card. The Grand Prize winner, selected from the six category winners, will receive an additional \$500 Visa gift card. There will also be up to five honourable mention prizes in each category.

~ *Share Saskatchewan's Beauty* ~

HILLS OF HOME COMMUNITY SURVEY

1. Did you know that the Hills of Home (HoH) is not a "senior center" – it is a COMMUNITY CENTER and that the minimum age to be a member is 18?

YES NO

2. Are you a current member of the HoH?

YES NO NOT CERTAIN

IF NO please explain why?

3. Did you know that an annual membership provides (check all that apply):

- Reduced rental rate of hall
- Member pricing for events throughout the year
- Special member only events

4. Do you or have you rented the HoH hall for a function or event?

YES NO

5. Hall rent for non members is \$100. Do you feel this is good value for the rent?

YES NO

IF NO please explain why?

6. Do you feel the HoH organization is an important element to Willow Bunch?

YES NO NOT CERTAIN

7. Did you know the HoH has a Facebook page and that all activities and events are advertised there?

YES NO

8. The HoH implement various activities, events and other monthly/weekly programming.

Please check all that you have attended in the past year.

- Pot Luck Suppers
- Bingo
- Games Nights
- Yoga Classes
- Gym
- Shrove Tuesday Brunch
- BBQ's (Annual Garage Sale)
- Christmas Supper
- Craft Fairs

9. In your opinion, what would help boost HoH attendance and membership?

10. The HoH are desperately seeking BOARD MEMBERS. Would you be willing to volunteer as a BOARD MEMBER to help out this organization in it's time of need?

- YES NO UNDECIDED

DID YOU KNOW...

The HoH is a legal entity and the registered owners of the facility. As such the board is responsible to submit annual returns for the corporation and for the operation, maintenance and upkeep of the property.

All events, activities and hall rentals go towards operating the facility for community use.

In 2018/2019 – cost for Repairs/Maintenance, Utilities and Taxes (Education) were \$10,944.11

In 2019/2020 – those costs added to \$9,402.29

Please return completed survey to the Municipal office or place in the outside Drop Box. Thank you!